

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF BC

POLICY MANUAL

SECTION: Member Policies

POLICY: 7525 Caucus Funding – Leader’s Office

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Objective The objective of this policy is to document the Legislative Assembly Management Committee (LAMC) approved formula for the Leader’s Office portion of the annual caucus budgets.

Authority Legislative Assembly Member policies are approved and authorized by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee in accordance with policy 1100 *Creating and Updating Policies*.

Key Definitions There are no key definitions for this policy

1. Caucus Operating Budgets

- .01 Caucuses and Independent Members are allocated a portion of the Vote 1 budget on an annual basis.
- .02 These budgets are calculated using a per member formula which is approved by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee on an annual basis. Further details on caucus operating budgets can be found in policy 7520 *Caucus Funding*.

2. Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition

- .01 In addition to the funding established in policy 7520 *Caucus Funding*, the Official Opposition receives an additional annual funding allocation to operate a leader’s office.
- .02 The annual funding allocation for the Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition is calculated by Financial Services using the average of all of the Ministerial Office budgets for the previous fiscal year, as reported in the Province’s *Supplement to the Estimates*.

3. Office of the Leader of the Third Party

- .01 In the event that there is a third party with official party status, the Office of the Leader of the Third Party receives a funding allocation equal to 50% of that received by the Leader of the Official Opposition.

4. Additional Parties

- .01 There is no leader’s office funding allocation available for additional parties with official party status.

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5. Leased Space

- .01 The Legislative Assembly's central budget will incur the cost of Leader's office space in Vancouver, defined as +/- 200 square meters for the Leader of the Official Opposition.
- .02 There is no central budget funding for office space in Vancouver for an Office of the Leader of the Third Party or for additional parties with official party status.

6. Review

- .01 This policy, and the resulting funding allocations, are subject to the review and approval of the Legislative Assembly Management Committee as part of the annual Vote 1 budget approval process for the Legislative Assembly.
- .02 The number of parties with official party status, and the composition of these parties, could vary greatly from parliament to parliament or within a parliament.

As such, this policy should be revisited by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee following each election, or as required mid-parliament, to ensure it remains relevant.

Contacts

Please contact financialservices@leg.bc.ca for questions regarding this policy.

References

- *Policy 7520 Caucus Funding*
- *LAMC decision March 3, 1993*
- *LAMC decision December 19, 2018*