

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
POLICY MANUAL

SECTION	Members' Policies
POLICY	7525 – Caucus Funding – Leader's Office

Objective		To document the Legislative Assembly Management Committee approved formula for the leader's office portion of the annual caucus budgets.
Application		This policy applies to Members of the Legislative Assembly.
Authority		Legislative Assembly organizational policies are approved by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee, as per <i>Policy 1000 – Legislative Assembly Policy Framework</i> .
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 <i>Policy 7520 – Caucus Funding</i> .
2. Office of the Leader of the Official Opposition	.01	In addition to the funding established in <i>Policy 7520 – Caucus Funding</i> , 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 using the average of all the Ministerial Office budgets for the previous fiscal year, as reported in the Province's Supplement to the Estimates.
3. Office of the Leader – Additional Parties	.01	In the event that there are additional parties with official party status, the Office of the Leader receives a funding allocation equal to 50% of that received by the Leader of the Official Opposition.
4. Leased Space in Vancouver	.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 default central budget funding for office space in Vancouver for an Office of the Leader for additional parties with official party status, but such funding may be approved by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee.
5. Review	.01	This policy, and the resulting funding allocations, are subject to the review and approval of the Legislative Assembly Management

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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.

Contact Questions regarding this policy may be directed to Financial Services at financialservices@leg.bc.ca.

References *Policy 7520 – Caucus Funding*

Approved and authorized by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee on September 22, 2023.

POLICY HISTORY

Version 1	December 19, 2018
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