

Disclosure Statement Concerning an Election Commitment

(Transparency in Election Commitments Act, S.N.B. 2018, c.1, ss.4 and 5)



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Part A: Election commitment	
Registered political party	Green Party of New Brunswick
Number	028
Title	Legal aid
Description	Expand the scope and budget of legal aid services to be comparable with what is offered in Nova Scotia.
Type of commitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Party commitment <input type="checkbox"/> Leader commitment
Party platform reference	
Type of disclosure statement	<p>Check one of the boxes:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (a) Cost estimate; i.e. an estimate of the commitment's cost or financial implications.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Maximum cost statement; i.e. if the commitment relates to a new or expanded program or service, the maximum cost to which the party commits if it forms the next government.</p> <p>(c) An estimate of the financial implications of the election commitment has not been prepared because:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient information was available to prepare a cost estimate;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The election commitment will not have financial implications for the Province; or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> The party declines to prepare a cost estimate or a maximum cost statement with respect to the election commitment.</p>
Complementary disclosure statement	<p>If a maximum cost statement is checked above and the election commitment indicates it will also increase or reduce revenue, the following disclosure statement is also filed:</p> <p>Number and Title</p>

Part B: Financial implications							
Fiscal Year	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	Subsequent	Total
Operating Budget – Revenue							
Operating Budget – Expenses	N.A.	\$3 million	\$6 million	\$9 million	\$12 million		\$30 million
Capital Budget – Expenditures							
<input type="checkbox"/> These financial implications are included in the <i>Summary of Election Commitments</i> filed with this statement.							

Part C: Additional required information

Each significant assumption made in determining the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- To be on par with Nova Scotia's legal aid budget on a per capita basis, New Brunswick's would have to increase from \$8 million to \$20 million over the next four years.
- The Green Party would achieve this by increasing it by an additional \$3 million per year over 4 years.

The sources of information used in preparing the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- New Brunswick Main Estimates 2018-19:
<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/fin/pdf/Budget/2018-2019/MainEstimates2018-2019BudgetPrincipal.pdf>
- Nova Scotia Budget 2018-19: <https://novascotia.ca/budget/documents/Budget-2018-19-Estimates-and-Supplementary-Detail.pdf>

The computations done to prepare the cost estimate or maximum cost statement.

- Nova Scotia per capita legal aid budget = \$26.8 million / 942,000 = \$28 per capita
- New Brunswick per capita legal aid budget = \$8.4 million / 754,000 = \$11 per capita
- To make NB legal aid budget comparable = \$20 million / 754,000 = \$26.50 per capita

Part D: Publication

This disclosure statement has been made public by the registered political party; i.e. by or through any media, including a press release, a post on a website or any other public information media.

Part E: Signature

- Official representative of the registered political party, or
 Chief agent of the registered political party

Name
Burt Folkins

Written signature



Date
 22 August 2018

or Electronic signature (Type name)

Date