

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	008
Title	Department of Community and Rural Development
Description	Consolidate the various economic development agencies into a Department of Community and Rural Development.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) Cost estimate; i.e. an estimate of the commitment's cost or financial implications.</p> <p><input 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		-\$2 million	-\$2 million	-\$2 million	-\$2 million		-\$8 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.

- This commitment would combine Tourism (removed from the Department of Heritage and Culture), with the economic development agencies Opportunities New Brunswick, Regional Development Corporation and Provincial Holdings Ltd.
- Money would be saved by reorganizing staff and by combining many upper management jobs between the different agencies.
- It is a conservative estimate that the total savings of combining these agencies will be \$1 million annually.

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

- Government of New Brunswick – Unaudited Supplementary Employee Lists – 31 March 2017: <http://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/tb-ct/pdf/OC/PA17Emp.pdf>
- Opportunities New Brunswick – Annual Report 2016-17: <https://onbcanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/ONB-AnnualReport-2016-17-E.pdf>

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

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
 28 August 2018

or Electronic signature (Type name)

Date

