

SASKATCHEWAN The Hon. Eric Cline Minister of Finance

3rd Quarter Financial Report

UPDATE



Financial overview

To the end of the third quarter of 2002-03, the General Revenue Fund (GRF) balance before Fiscal Stabilization Fund (FSF) transfer is forecast to be down \$28.3 million from Budget. The FSF transfer is up \$28.4 million, yielding a balanced budget.

Total revenue is forecast to be up \$64.4 million from Budget.

Revenue Reconciliation (in millions of dollars)	
Budget Estimate	6,094.3
Oil Individual Income Tax Corporate Income & Capital Tax Natural Gas Equalization Potash Other Miscellaneous Changes Total Change	+353.3 +236.1 +88.3 +35.3 -650.3 -33.1 +34.8 +64.4
3 rd Quarter Forecast	6,158.7

Operating spending is forecast to be up \$92.7 million from Budget.

Operating Spending Reconci (in millions of dollars)	liation
Budget Estimate	5,686.3
Environment	+49.6
Agriculture, Food & Rural Rev.	+25.5
Teachers' Pensions & Benefits	+10.9
Health	+10.4
Corrections & Public Safety	+7.7
Industry & Resources	+6.0
Social Services	-7.6
Sask Water	-5.1
Centenary Fund	-5.0
Other Changes	+0.3
Total Change	+92.7
3 rd Quarter Forecast	5,779.0

Interest costs are forecast to be unchanged from the Budget Estimate.

Government debt is forecast to be up \$503.3 million from Budget – \$20.4 million less than at mid-year.

Crown corporation debt is forecast to be up \$101.4 million from Budget – \$103.4 million more than at mid-year.

	Budget	Mid-Year	Third Quarter	Chan	ge from
(Millions of Dollars)	Estimate	Projection	Forecast	Budget	Mid-year
Revenue	6,094.3	6,076.8	6,158.7	64.4	81.9
Operating Spending	5,686.3	5,768.0	5,779.0	92.7	11.0
Operating Surplus	408.0	308.8	379.7	-28.3	70.9
Interest Costs	633.0	633.0	633.0	0.0	0.0
Balance before FSF Transfer	-225.0	-324.2	-253.3	-28.3	70.9
FSF Transfer	225.0	324.3	253.4	28.4	-70.9
Surplus	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0

Revenue update

At mid-year, provincial revenue was projected to be down \$17.5 million from the 2002-03 Budget level, reflecting a \$580.1 million increase in own-source revenue (primarily a \$236.1 million increase in Individual Income Tax and a \$298.0 million increase in oil revenue) offset by a \$600.3 million decrease in Equalization payments.

To the end of the third quarter, provincial revenue is forecast to be up \$81.9 million from the mid-year projection – an increase of \$64.4 million from the Budget estimate.

Revenue Reconciliation (in millions of dollars)	n
Mid-year Projection	6,076.8
Oil	+55.3
Corporation Income Tax	+50.0
Natural Gas	+24.1
Equalization	-50.0
Potash	-13.7
Other Changes	+16.2
Total Change	+81.9
3 rd Quarter Forecast	6,158.7

Own-source revenue is forecast to be up \$708.6 million from Budget – an increase of \$128.5 million from mid-year.

Oil revenue is forecast to be \$736.3 million – an increase of \$353.3 million from Budget and an increase of \$55.3 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting higher prices (average fiscal year WTI price in US dollars per barrel is currently forecast at \$26.91, versus the mid-year projection of \$25.87 and the Budget estimate of \$20.50), combined with a smaller light-heavy differential and higher bonus bid revenue (which has increased from the Budget estimate of \$40.0 million to the current projection of \$99.2 million).

Corporation Income Tax revenue is forecast to be \$169.4 million – an increase of \$50.9 million from Budget and an increase of \$50.0 million from mid-year, primarily reflecting 2001 preliminary assessment data and improvements in the federal forecasts of the national tax base.

Natural gas revenue is forecast to be \$122.3 million – an increase of \$35.3 million from Budget and an increase of \$24.1 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting higher prices (average fiscal year price per gigajoule is currently forecast at \$4.09, versus the midyear projection of \$3.51 and the Budget estimate of \$2.89).

Equalization is forecast at a repayment of \$119.6 million. Equalization receipts have been reduced \$650.3 million from Budget - and \$50.0 million from mid-year – reflecting the change in Corporation Income Tax.

Potash revenue is forecast to be \$169.5 million – a decrease of \$33.1 million from Budget and a decrease of \$13.7 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting increased costs of production.

Individual Income Tax and Corporation Capital Tax remain at mid-year levels.

Expenditure UPDATE

At mid-year, provincial expenditure was projected to be up \$81.7 million from the 2002-03 Budget, primarily reflecting increased spending on forest fire management, assistance to livestock producers affected by drought and costs associated with the teachers' contract.

Three quarters of the way through the fiscal year, provincial spending is forecast to be up an additional \$11.0 million from the mid-year projection – a total increase of \$92.7 million from the Budget.

Operating Expenditure Reconciliation (in millions of dollars)								
Mid-Year Projection	5,768.0							
Teacher's Pensions & Benefits	+10.0							
Health	+6.2							
Industry & Resources	+2.7							
Environment	+2.7							
Gov't Relations & Aborig. Affai	rs +1.2							
Learning	-12.4							
Other Changes	+0.6							
Total Change	+11.0							
3 rd Quarter Forecast	5,779.0							

Interest costs are forecast to be on Budget, thus, the increase in total spending entirely reflects changes in operating spending.

Teachers' pensions and benefits are forecast to be up \$10.9 million or 10.3% from Budget – an increase of \$10.0 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting lower than expected investment returns.

Health is forecast to be up \$10.4 million or 0.4% from Budget – an increase of \$6.2 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting increased drug plan expenditures and collective bargaining costs, partially offset by savings realized by delay of projects.

Industry and Resources is forecast to be up \$6.0 million or 6.9% from Budget – an increase of \$2.7 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting increased funding for the Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation, combined with the costs of the "Our Future is Wide Open" campaign and the Mining Royalty and Taxation Incentive Package.

Environment is forecast to be up \$49.6 million or 37.9% from Budget – an increase of \$2.7 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting a finalization of forest fire management costs.

Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs is forecast to be \$3.0 million or 1.7% up from Budget – an increase of \$1.2 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting increased transfers under the First Nations gaming agreement due to higher forecast Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority net income.

Learning is forecast to be \$2.8 million or 0.3% down from Budget – a reduction of \$12.4 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting that a surplus has accumulated in the Student Aid Fund, which permits the Government to temporarily reduce its contribution to the Fund.

Debt UPDATE

The debt of the General Revenue Fund consists of:

- Gross Debt the amount of money owed to lenders; plus,
- Guaranteed Debt the debt of the Crown Corporations and others that the province has promised to repay if they are unable to do so; less;
- Sinking Funds the amount of money which has been set aside for the repayment of debt.

The Province borrows for government and Crown corporations. Crown corporations are responsible for the principal and interest payments on their debt. Crown corporation debt is incurred in the normal course of business, primarily for investment in infrastructure and business development initiatives, which provide revenue streams to service the debt.

At the end of the third quarter of 2002-03, total debt is forecast to be \$12.0 billion – an increase of \$604.7 million from the 2002-03 Budget estimate.

To the end of the third quarter, government debt is forecast to be \$8.2

billion – an increase of \$503.3 million from Budget, but a reduction of \$20.4 million from mid-year – primarily reflecting funds withdrawn for crop insurance, the Fiscal Stabilization Fund, the Forest Fire Contingency Fund and an increase in guaranteed debt for the livestock drought loan program.

Government Debt Reconciliation (in millions of dollars)								
Budget Estimate	7,739.7							
Funds withdrawn by:								
Sask. Crop Insurance Corp	+298.7							
Fiscal Stabilization Fund	+28.4							
Forest Fire Contingency Func	1 +34.0							
Other Funds	+43.8							
Short-term Hog Loan Program	+21.0							
Other Cash Requirements	+67.2							
Livestock Drought Loan Progra	m							
Guarantees	+10.2							
Other Changes	+0.6							
Total Change	+503.3							
3 rd Quarter Forecast	8,243.0							

Crown corporation debt is forecast to be \$3.8 billion – an increase of \$101.4 million from Budget and an increase of \$103.4 million from mid-year – primarily because SaskPower refinanced 2003-04 maturities in a low interest rate environment.

As at March 31 (Millions of Dollars)	Budget Estimate	Mid-Year Projection	Third Quarter Forecast	<u>Chan</u> Budget	<u>ge from</u> Mid-year
Crown Corporation Debt	3,654.4	3,652.4	3,755.8	101.4	103.4
Government Debt	7,739.7	8,263.4	8,243.0	503.3	-20.4
Total Debt	11,394.1	11,915.8	11,998.8	604.7	83.0

2002-03 Third Quarter Financial Report Province of Saskatchewan General Revenue Fund Statement of Revenue

	Budget			lid-Year	3rc	l Quarter		Change	e from		
]	Estimate	P	rojection	F	orecast –	B	Budget	Μ	id-Year	
				(in The	ousar	nds of Dollar	s)				
Corporation Capital	\$	340,200	\$	377,600	\$	377,600	\$	37,400	\$	0	
Corporation Income		118,500		119,400		169,400		50,900		50,000	
Fuel		357,700		357,500		357,500		(200)		0	
Individual Income		1,165,500		1,401,600		1,401,600		236,100		0	
Sales		826,900		830,000		830,000		3,100		0	
Tobacco		182,500		177,500		173,000		(9,500)		(4,500)	
Other		66,200		72,100		72,100		5,900		0	
Taxes	\$	3,057,500	\$	3,335,700	\$	3,381,200	\$	323,700	\$	45,500	
Natural Gas	\$	87,000	\$	98,200	\$	122,300	\$	35,300	\$	24,100	
Oil		383,000		681,000		736,300		353,300		55,300	
Potash		202,600		183,200		169,500		(33,100)		(13,700)	
Other		38,200		40,600		49,400		11,200		8,800	
Non-Renewable Resources	\$	710,800	\$	1,003,000	\$	1,077,500	\$	366,700	\$	74,500	
Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	300,000	\$	0	\$	0	
Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority		332,000		333,500		332,300		300		(1,200)	
Other Enterprises and Funds		73,600		73,100		73,100		(500)		0	
Transfers from Crown Entities	\$	705,600	\$	706,600	\$	705,400	\$	(200)	\$	(1,200)	
Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	\$	13,700	\$	13,700	\$	12,900	\$	(800)	\$	(800)	
Interest, Premium, Discount and Exchange		43,000		44,800		50,000		7,000		5,200	
Motor Vehicle Fees		116,900		119,000		119,000		2,100		0	
Other Licences and Permits		41,800		41,400		41,800		0		400	
Sales, Services and Service Fees		68,300		69,600		72,400		4,100		2,800	
Transfers from Other Governments		14,100		17,300		17,300		3,200		0	
Other		21,200		21,900		24,000		2,800		2,100	
Other Revenue	\$	319,000	\$	327,700	\$	337,400	\$	18,400	\$	9,700	
Own-Source Revenue	\$	4,792,900	\$	5,373,000	\$	5,501,500	\$	708,600	\$	128,500	
Canada Health and Social Transfer	\$	638,300	\$	638,300	\$	638,300	\$	0	\$	0	
Equalization Payments		530,700		(69,600)		(119,600)	((650,300)		(50,000)	
Other		132,400		135,100		138,500		6,100		3,400	
Transfers from the Government of Canada	\$	1,301,400	\$	703,800	\$	657,200	\$	(644,200)	\$	(46,600)	
Revenue	\$	6,094,300	\$	6,076,800	\$	6,158,700	\$	64,400	\$	81,900	

2002-03 Third Quarter Financial Report Province of Saskatchewan General Revenue Fund Statement of Expenditure

		2002-03	N	/lid-Year	3r	d Quarter	Change from				
	Арј	propriation*	Р	rojection		Forecast	Ар	propriation	Mid-Year		
Executive Branch of Government											
Agriculture, Food and Rural Revitalization	\$	291,665	\$	317,192	\$	317,192	\$	5 25,527	\$	0	
Centenary Fund		29,500		24,500		24,500		(5,000)		0	
Corrections and Public Safety		108,543		111,736		116,292		7,749		4,556	
Culture, Youth and Recreation		42,888		42,358		42,358		(530)		0	
Environment		130,876		177,766		180,482		49,606		2,716	
Executive Council		7,436		7,211		7,211		(225)		0	
Finance		38,572		38,048		38,048		(524)		0	
- Public Service Pensions and Benefits		188,713		188,713		188,713		0		0	
Government Relations and Aboriginal Affairs	5	173,600		175,396		176,584		2,984		1,188	
Health		2,342,416		2,346,617		2,352,827		10,411		6,210	
Highways and Transportation		292,900		292,900		292,900		0		0	
Industry and Resources		87,107		90,390		93,062		5,955		2,672	
Justice		184,206		185,601		185,216		1,010		(385)	
Labour		13,834		13,817		13,817		(17)		0	
Learning		969,176		978,775		966,377		(2,799)	(12,398)	
- Teachers' Pensions and Benefits		105,398		106,306		116,306		10,908		10,000	
Public Service Commission		8,614		8,554		8,554		(60)		0	
Sask. Property Management Corporation		21,613		21,833		21,833		220		0	
Sask. Water Corporation		7,747		2,650		2,650		(5,097)		0	
Social Services		614,314		610,364		606,718		(7,596)		(3,646)	
Legislative Branch of Government											
Chief Electoral Officer		811		961		961		150		0	
Conflict of Interest Commissioner		122		122		122		0		0	
Information and Privacy Commissioner		105		136		136		31		0	
Legislative Assembly		17,721		17,721		17,721		0		0	
Ombudsman and Children's Advocate		2,651		2,651		2,651		0		0	
Provincial Auditor		5,727		5,727		5,727		0		0	
Total Operating Expenditure	•	5,686,255	8	5,768,045	\$	5.778 958	5	5 92,703	\$	10.913	
Interest on the Public Debt	4	633,000	Ψ	633,000	Ψ	633,000		0	Ψ	0	
Total Expenditure	5	6,319,255	\$	6,401,045	\$	6,411,958	S	5 92,703	\$	10,913	

* The amounts in The Appropriation Act, 2002 (No.4) differed from the 2002-03 Estimates for Health and Highways and Transportation.

The Appropriation Act, 2002 (No.4) reduced the Estimate for Highways and Transportation by \$7.4 million and increased the Estimate for Health by \$7.4 million.

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		Budget		Mid-Year		Brd Quarter		Change	from	
		Estimate		Projection		Forecast	B	Budget	Mi	d-Year
				(in Th	ous	ands of Dollars	5)			
Gross Debt										
Crown Corporation Debt										
Agricultural Credit Corporation of Saskatchewan	\$	28,351	\$	27,717	\$	27,717 \$		(634)	\$	-
Crown Investments Corporation of Saskatchewan		40,419		39,805		20,919		(19,500)		(18,886)
Education Infrastructure Financing Corporation		85,749		52,000		52,000		(33,749)		-
Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan		61,336		63,750		64,036		2,700		286
Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan		13,391		13,391		13,391		-		-
Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation		-		62,842		113,436		113,436		50,594
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation		110,504		111,004		111,004		500		-
Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation		165,701		158,601		149,701		(16,000)		(8,900)
Saskatchewan Power Corporation		1,928,964		2,007,664		2,107,664		178,700		100,000
Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation		5,500		5,500		5,500		-		-
Saskatchewan Telecommunications Holding Corporation		558,062		480,262		463,462		(94,600)		(16,800)
Saskatchewan Water Corporation		52,373		50,473		48,073		(4,300)		(2,400)
SaskEnergy Incorporated		762,186		746,186		746,186		(16,000)		-
Crown Corporation Debt	\$	3,812,536	\$	3,819,195	\$	3,923,089 \$		110,553	\$	103,894
Government Debt		8,267,070		8,750,860		8,750,860		483,790		-
Gross Debt	\$	12,079,606	\$	12,570,055	\$	12,673,949 \$		594,343	\$	103,894
Guaranteed Debt										-
Crown Corporations	\$	30,073	\$	31,071	\$	30,525 \$		452	\$	(546)
Other		176,182		212,536		192,136		15,954		(20,400)
Guaranteed Debt	\$	206,255	\$	243,607	\$	222,661 \$		16,406	\$	(20,946)
Equity in Sinking Funds										-
Crown Corporations	\$	188,174	\$	197,817	\$	197,817 \$		9,643		-
Government		703,558		700,038		700,038		(3,520)		-
Equity in Sinking Funds	\$	891,732	\$	897,855	\$	897,855 \$		6,123	\$	-
Total Debt	\$	11,394,129	\$	11,915,807	\$	11,998,755 \$		604,626	\$	82,948
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Crown Corporation Debt	\$	3,654,435	\$	3,652,449	\$	3,755,797 \$		101,362	\$	103,348
Government Debt		7,739,694		8,263,358		8,242,958		503,264		(20,400)
Total Debt	\$:	11,394,129	\$	11,915,807	\$	11,998,755 \$		604,626	\$	82,948