

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
POLICY MANUAL**

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Objective The objective of this policy is to document the Legislative Assembly Management Committee (LAMC) approved formula for caucus and Independent Member budgets. It is summarized in one place for ease of regular review and update as necessary.

Authority Policies affecting Members of the Legislative Assembly are approved by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee, as per *Policy 1000 – Legislative Assembly Policy Framework*.

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 LAMC on an annual basis.

.03 The Speaker is not part of the caucus and does not participate in the caucus funding formula.

.04 Caucus operating budgets are calculated as follows:

- a) for each Private Member in a caucus, the caucus is allocated funding equal to the maximum salary of Grade E within the Legislative Assembly Administration’s compensation framework, with an additional 25.4% benefits allocation; and
- b) for each Member of the Executive Council in a caucus, the caucus is allocated 50% of the amount provided for a Private Member.

(LAMC decision December 4, 2025)

.05 An Independent Member receives double the operating budget allocated to a caucus for a Private Member (LAMC decision September 3, 2009).

2. Operating Budget Adjustments .01 Adjustments to the annual operating budget allocations of a caucus are made effective on the date the changes were made to the composition of the caucus (LAMC decision July 8, 2008).

Examples of when the composition of a caucus would change are resignation of a Member, or a Cabinet shuffle which changes the number of Ministers.

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If the composition of a caucus is changed mid-fiscal year, Financial Services will recalculate the budget allocation upon receiving official notification of the effective date. The revised budget allocation is then provided to the caucus executive director or chief of staff for review. The caucus is required to spend within the revised budget allocation, which may be higher or lower than the initial allocation.

3. Caucus Capital Budgets

.01 The overall annual caucus capital budget of \$115,000 is subject to approval by the Legislative Assembly Management Committee as part of the annual Vote 1 budget submission. Each caucus and Independent Member is allocated a portion of the overall caucus capital budget as follows:

- a) each Independent Member receives \$2,000;
- b) each caucus receives \$15,000; and,
- c) the remaining overall caucus capital budget amount is divided evenly amongst the number of Members in each caucus, not including the Speaker.

(LAMC decision February 19, 2021, effective April 1, 2021)

Contact	Questions regarding this policy may be directed to the Office of the Clerk at OfficeoftheClerk@leg.bc.ca .
References	<p><i>LAMC decision July 8, 2008</i> <i>LAMC decision September 3, 2009</i> <i>LAMC decision February 19, 2021</i> <i>LAMC decision December 4, 2025</i></p>

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