

# **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MARCH 31, 2008**

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## Statement of Management Responsibility

Responsibility for the integrity and objectivity of the accompanying financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2008 and all information contained in these statements rests with the Library of Parliament management. These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Treasury Board accounting policies which are consistent with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for the public sector.

Management is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of the information in these financial statements. Some of the information in the financial statements is based on management's best estimates and judgment and gives due consideration to materiality. To fulfil its accounting and reporting responsibilities, management maintains a set of accounts that provides a centralized record of the Library's financial transactions. Financial information submitted to the *Public Accounts of Canada* and included in the Library of Parliament *Annual Report* is consistent with these financial statements.

Management maintains a system of financial management and internal control designed to provide reasonable assurance that financial information is reliable, that assets are safeguarded and that transactions are in accordance with the *Financial Administration Act*, are executed in accordance with prescribed regulations, within Parliamentary authorities, and are properly recorded to maintain accountability of Government funds. Management also seeks to ensure the objectivity and integrity of data in its financial statements by careful selection, training and development of qualified staff, by organizational arrangements that provide appropriate divisions of responsibility, and by communication programs aimed at ensuring that regulations, policies, standards and managerial authorities are understood throughout the Library.

At the request of management, these financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP.



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**Auditors' Report to the Parliamentary Librarian:**

We have audited the statement of financial position of the Library of Parliament as at March 31, 2008 and the statements of operations, equity of Canada and cash flow for the year then ended. These financial statements have been prepared to comply with the accounting policies generally applied by the Government of Canada for government departments and agencies as stipulated in Treasury Board accounting policies. The significant accounting policies are disclosed in note 2 to the financial statements. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Library of Parliament. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Library of Parliament as at March 31, 2008 and the net cost of its operations, the Equity of Canada and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies as described in note 2 to the financial statements.

These financial statements, which have not been, and were not intended to be, prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles, are solely for the information and use of the management of the Library of Parliament and the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. The financial statements are not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than the specified users or for any other purpose.

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Ottawa, Canada  
July 9, 2008

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Statement of Operations

For the year ended March 31  
(in dollars)

	2008				2007
	Information Resource Management	Information Research and Analysis	Public Outreach	Total	Total
<b>Expenses</b>					
Salaries and employee benefits	8,654,630	18,496,611	3,840,921	<b>30,992,162</b>	28,862,497
Accommodation	3,274,024	3,101,010	396,824	<b>6,771,858</b>	8,330,793
Material, equipment and supplies	2,166,818	134,538	67,439	<b>2,368,795</b>	2,455,081
Professional and special services	630,675	896,697	607,002	<b>2,134,374</b>	2,631,617
Amortization of tangible capital assets	190,508	354,738	73,656	<b>618,902</b>	817,190
Communications, travel and relocation	150,614	258,454	199,211	<b>608,279</b>	593,408
Cost of goods sold			490,030	<b>490,030</b>	477,622
Information	11,243	57,018	215,379	<b>283,640</b>	259,010
Repairs and maintenance	84,936	158,162	34,664	<b>277,762</b>	326,002
Equipment rentals	210,137	39,962	14,866	<b>264,965</b>	295,439
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>15,373,585</b>	<b>23,497,190</b>	<b>5,939,992</b>	<b>44,810,767</b>	45,048,659
<b>Revenues</b>					
Sales of goods and information products - External entities			<b>859,945</b>	<b>859,945</b>	892,290
Sales of goods and information products - Other Government Departments			<b>61,964</b>	<b>61,964</b>	50,542
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets					40,214
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<b>921,909</b>	<b>921,909</b>	983,046
<b>Net Cost of Operations</b>	<b>15,373,585</b>	<b>23,497,190</b>	<b>5,018,083</b>	<b>43,888,858</b>	<b>44,065,613</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31  
(in dollars)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Financial Assets</b>		
Accounts receivable and advances (Note 4)	<u>576,303</u>	<u>664,033</u>
<b>Non-financial Assets</b>		
Prepaid expenses	640	
Inventory for resale	457,197	395,533
Tangible capital assets (Note 5)	<u>2,459,875</u>	<u>2,144,577</u>
<b>Total non-financial assets</b>	<u>2,917,712</u>	<u>2,540,110</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>3,494,015</u></u>	<u><u>3,204,143</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,128,500	1,470,818
Vacation pay and compensatory leave	1,391,093	1,203,203
Employee severance benefits (Note 6(b))	<u>4,870,891</u>	<u>4,345,535</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>8,390,484</u>	<u>7,019,556</u>
<b>Equity of Canada</b>	<u>(4,896,469)</u>	<u>(3,815,413)</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<u><u>3,494,015</u></u>	<u><u>3,204,143</u></u>

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## Statement of Equity of Canada

As at March 31  
(in dollars)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Equity of Canada, beginning of year</b>	<b>(3,815,413)</b>	<b>(3,157,960)</b>
Net cost of operations	<b>(43,888,858)</b>	(44,065,613)
Current year appropriations used (Note 3)	<b>34,914,643</b>	33,430,940
Revenue not available for spending	<b>(21,282)</b>	(23,903)
Change in net position in the Consolidated Revenue Fund (Note 3)	<b>(770,135)</b>	229,778
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets to outside parties		(40,214)
Transfer in of assets from PWGSC (Note 5)	<b>390,442</b>	
Services received without charge from other government departments (Note 7)	<b>8,294,134</b>	9,811,559
	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
<b>Equity of Canada, end of year</b>	<b><u><u>(4,896,469)</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>(3,815,413)</u></u></b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Cash Flow

For the year ended March 31  
(in dollars)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Operating activities</b>		
<i>Net cost of operations</i>	<b>43,888,858</b>	44,065,613
Non-cash items		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	<b>(618,902)</b>	(817,190)
Services provided without charge from other government departments (Note 7)	<b>(8,294,134)</b>	(9,811,559)
Gain on disposal of tangible capital assets		40,214
<i>Variations in statement of financial position</i>		
Increase (decrease) in accounts receivable and advances	<b>(87,730)</b>	10,149
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expenses	<b>640</b>	(1,470)
Increase (decrease) in inventory for resale	<b>61,664</b>	(45,095)
Decrease (increase) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<b>(657,682)</b>	231,611
Increase in vacation pay and compensatory leave	<b>(187,890)</b>	(44,271)
Increase in employee severance benefits	<b>(525,356)</b>	(594,125)
<b>Cash used by operating activities</b>	<b>33,579,468</b>	33,033,877
 <b>Capital investment activities</b>		
Acquisitions of tangible capital assets	<b>543,758</b>	602,938
 <b>Financing Activities</b>		
<b>Net cash provided by Government of Canada</b>	<b><u>34,123,226</u></b>	<b><u>33,636,815</u></b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Notes to the Financial Statements

### 1. Authority and Objectives

These statements provide the financial information related to all the operations controlled by the Library of Parliament.

The Library of Parliament was created under the *Parliament of Canada Act*.

The purpose of the Library of Parliament is to provide Parliament, in timely fashion, with comprehensive and reliable information, documentation, research and analysis while maintaining extensive and pertinent collections to support the functions of legislation and representation; and to distribute information about Canada's Parliament to the public.

The activities of the Library of Parliament can be summarized with the following three key objectives:

**Information Research and Analysis** - To provide parliamentarians with information, research and analysis services that assist them in fulfilling their roles as members of the Senate or the House of Commons, members of committees and parliamentary associations, and representatives of regions or electoral districts. Information is also made available to authorized clients.

**Information Resource Management** - To design, develop, maintain and promote a varied collection of sources of knowledge that address the information requirements of parliamentarians and their assistants.

**Public Outreach** - To support parliamentarians in their efforts to make Parliament accessible to the public. To provide the public with information about Parliament.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Treasury Board accounting policies which are consistent with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for the public sector.

Significant accounting policies are as follows:

**(a) Parliamentary Appropriations** – The Library of Parliament is financed by the Government of Canada through Parliamentary appropriations. Appropriations provided to the Library do not parallel financial reporting according to Canadian generally accepted accounting principles since appropriations are primarily based on cash flow requirements. Consequently, items recognized in the statement of operations and the statement of financial position are not necessarily the same as those provided through appropriations from Parliament. Note 3 provides a high-level reconciliation between the bases of reporting.

**(b) Net Cash Provided by Government** – The Library of Parliament operates within the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF), which is administered by the Receiver General for Canada. All cash received by the Library is deposited to the CRF and all cash disbursements made by the Library are paid from the CRF. The net cash provided by Government is the difference between all cash receipts and all cash disbursements including transactions between departments of the federal government.

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### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

**(c) Change in net position in the Consolidated Revenue Fund** is the difference between the net cash provided by Government and appropriations used in a year, excluding the amount of non-respendable revenue recorded by the Library. It results from timing differences between when a transaction affects appropriations and when it is processed through the CRF.

**(d) Revenues** – Revenues are accounted for in the period in which the underlying transaction or event occurred that gave rise to the revenues. Revenues that have been received but not yet earned are recorded as deferred revenues.

**(e) Expenses** – Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis:

- i. Vacation pay and compensatory leave are expensed as the benefits accrue to employees under their respective terms of employment.
- ii. Services provided without charge by other government departments for accommodation and the employer's contribution to the health and dental insurance plans are recorded as operating expenses at their estimated cost.

**(f) Employee future benefits**

- i. Pension benefits: Eligible employees participate in the Public Service Pension Plan, a multiemployer plan administered by the Government of Canada. The Library of Parliament's contributions to the Plan are charged to expenses in the year incurred and represent the Library's total obligation to the Plan. Current legislation does not require the Library to make contributions for any actuarial deficiencies of the Plan.
- ii. Severance benefits: Employees are entitled to severance benefits under labour contracts or conditions of employment. These benefits are accrued as employees render the services necessary to earn them. The obligation relating to the benefits earned by employees is calculated using information derived from the results of the actuarially determined liability for employee severance benefits for the Government as a whole.

**(g) Accounts receivable and advances** are stated at amounts expected to be ultimately realized; a provision is made for receivables where recovery is considered uncertain.

**(h) Inventory for resale** - Inventory is held for resale and is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value on a first-in, first-out basis.

**(i) Foreign currency transactions** – Transactions involving foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollar equivalents using rates of exchange in effect at the time of those transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Canadian dollars using the rate of exchange in effect on March 31.

**(j) Tangible capital assets** – All tangible capital assets and leasehold improvements having an initial cost of \$500 or more are recorded at their acquisition cost. The Library does not capitalize works of art and historical treasures that have cultural, aesthetic or historical value.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Amortization of tangible capital assets is done on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset as follows:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Amortization Period</b>
Machinery and equipment	5 years
Other equipment	5 - 15 years
Computer equipment	3 years
Computer software	3 years

**(k) Collections** – Collections of books and reference materials owned by the Library of Parliament are charged to expense in the year of acquisition. During the year, the Library incurred \$2,032,660 in expenditures on collections (\$2,038,812 in 2007).

**(l) Measurement uncertainty** – The preparation of these financial statements in accordance with Treasury Board accounting policies which are consistent with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for the public sector requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses reported in the financial statements. At the time of preparation of these statements, management believes the estimates and assumptions to be reasonable. The most significant items where estimates are used are the liability for employee severance benefits and the useful life of tangible capital assets. Actual results could significantly differ from those estimated. Management's estimates are reviewed periodically and, as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the financial statements in the year they become known.

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### 3. Parliamentary Appropriations

The Library of Parliament receives most of its funding through annual Parliamentary appropriations. Items recognized in the Statement of Operations and the Statement of Financial Position in one year may be funded through Parliamentary appropriations in prior, current or future years. Accordingly, the Library has different net results of operations for the year on a government funding basis than on an accrual accounting basis. The differences are reconciled in the following tables:

**(a) Reconciliation of net cost of operations to current year appropriations used:**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
<b>Net cost of operations</b>	<b>43,888,858</b>	<b>44,065,613</b>
Adjustments for items affecting net cost of operations but not affecting appropriations:		
Add (Less):		
Amortization of tangible capital assets	(618,902)	(817,190)
Services provided without charge by other government departments	(8,294,134)	(9,811,559)
Increase in vacation pay and compensatory leave	(187,890)	(44,271)
Increase in employee severance benefits	(525,356)	(594,125)
Revenue not available for spending	21,282	23,903
Increase (decrease) in inventory for resale	61,664	(45,095)
Proceeds from disposal of capital assets		40,214
Other adjustments	24,723	10,512
Adjustments for items not affecting net cost of operations but affecting appropriations:		
Add (Less):		
Acquisitions of tangible capital assets	543,758	602,938
Prepaid expenses	640	
	<u>34,914,643</u>	<u>33,430,940</u>
<b>Current year appropriations used</b>	<b>34,914,643</b>	<b>33,430,940</b>

**(b) Appropriations provided and used**

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Vote 10 - Operating expenditures	32,058,000	30,487,000
Statutory amounts	4,123,400	3,831,129
Less:		
Lapsed appropriations: Operating	(1,266,757)	(887,189)
	<u>34,914,643</u>	<u>33,430,940</u>
<b>Total appropriations used</b>	<b>34,914,643</b>	<b>33,430,940</b>

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### 3. Parliamentary Appropriations (continued)

#### *(c) Reconciliation of net cash provided by Government to current year appropriations used*

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Net cash provided by Government	34,123,226	33,636,815
Revenue not available for spending	<u>21,282</u>	<u>23,903</u>
	<u>34,144,508</u>	<u>33,660,718</u>
Change in net position in the Consolidated Revenue Fund		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable and advances	87,730	(10,149)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	657,682	(231,611)
Other adjustments	<u>24,723</u>	<u>11,982</u>
	<u>770,135</u>	<u>(229,778)</u>
<b>Current year appropriations used</b>	<b><u><u>34,914,643</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>33,430,940</u></u></b>

### 4. Accounts Receivable and Advances

The following table presents details of receivables and advances:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Receivables from other Federal Government departments and agencies	531,310	588,249
Receivables from external parties	42,943	73,734
Advances	<u>2,050</u>	<u>2,050</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u><u>576,303</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>664,033</u></u></b>

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### 5. Tangible Capital Assets

Capital Asset Class	Cost			Accumulated amortization			2008 Net Book Value	2007 Net Book Value
	Opening balance	Acquisitions	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Amortization	Closing Balance		
Machinery & equipment	749,048	61,893	810,941	519,463	70,794	590,257	220,684	229,585
Other equipment	1,598,162	471,931	2,070,093	470,047	98,089	568,136	1,501,957	1,128,115
Computer equipment	3,506,879	281,007	3,787,886	3,124,106	337,455	3,461,561	326,325	382,773
Computer software	1,569,596	119,368	1,688,964	1,165,492	112,564	1,278,056	410,908	404,104
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,423,685</b>	<b>934,199</b>	<b>8,357,884</b>	<b>5,279,108</b>	<b>618,902</b>	<b>5,898,010</b>	<b>2,459,874</b>	<b>2,144,577</b>

Acquisitions for the year ended March 31, 2008 includes an amount of \$390,441 of assets transferred from Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC). Amortization expense for the year ended March 31, 2008 is \$618,902 (2007 - \$817,190).

### 6. Employee Benefits

**(a) Pension benefits:** The Library of Parliament's employees participate in the Public Service Pension Plan, which is sponsored and administered by the Government of Canada. Pension benefits accrue up to a maximum period of 35 years at a rate of 2 percent per year of pensionable service, times the average of the best five consecutive years of earnings. The benefits are integrated with Canada/Québec Pension Plan benefits and they are indexed to inflation.

Both the employees and the Library contribute to the cost of the Plan. The 2007-2008 expense amounts to \$3,005,959 (\$2,823,542 in 2006-2007), which represents approximately 2.1 (2.2 in 2006-2007) times the contributions by employees.

The Library's responsibility with regard to the Plan is limited to its contributions. Actuarial surpluses or deficiencies are recognized in the financial statements of the Government of Canada, as the Plan's sponsor.

**(b) Severance benefits:** The Library of Parliament provides severance benefits to its employees based on eligibility, years of service and final salary. These severance benefits are not pre-funded. Benefits will be paid from future appropriations. Information about the severance benefits, measured as at March 31, is as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Accrued benefit obligation, beginning of year	4,345,535	3,751,410
Expense for the year	865,782	1,045,244
Benefits paid during the year	<u>(340,426)</u>	<u>(451,119)</u>
Accrued benefit obligation, end of year	<u><u>4,870,891</u></u>	<u><u>4,345,535</u></u>

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### 7. Related Party Transactions

The Library of Parliament is related as a result of common ownership to all Government of Canada departments, agencies, and Crown corporations. The Library enters into transactions with these entities in the normal course of business and on normal trade terms. During the year, PWGSC has transferred \$390,441 of assets to the Library. Also, the Library received services which were obtained without charge from other Government departments as presented in part (a).

#### *(a) Services provided without charge*

During the year the Library received without charge from other departments, accommodation and the employer's contribution to the health and dental insurance plans. These services without charge have been recognized in the Library's Statement of Operations as follows:

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Accommodation	6,771,858	8,330,793
Employer's contribution to health and dental insurance plan	<u>1,522,276</u>	<u>1,480,766</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>8,294,134</u></b>	<b><u>9,811,559</u></b>

The Government has structured some of its administrative activities for efficiency and cost-effectiveness purposes so that one department performs these on behalf of all without charge. The costs of these services, which include payroll, cheque issuance and translation services provided by Public Works and Government Services Canada, are not included as an expense in the Library's Statement of Operations. In addition, the costs of maintenance, identity cards, second language testing, transportation and messenger services provided by the Senate and the House of Commons are also not included in the Library's Statement of Operations.

#### *(b) Payables outstanding at year-end with related parties:*

The following balances with related parties are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Accounts payable to other government departments and agencies	849,786	198,345

### 8. Comparative information

For the current year, the presentation of certain accounts from the previous year has been changed.