

## 2012 Election Spending and Taxation Promises Alberta Liberal Party

Date	Spending Promise	Party calculation of cost	Alternative calculation of cost	Notes
11-Feb	Guaranteed surgery and emergency wait times	<u>\$100,000,000</u>		a
11-Feb	Public inquiry into health system	n/a		a
11-Feb	Train and hire additional doctors, nurses and health professionals	n/a		a
11-Feb	Create incentives for medical professionals to chose generalist fields over specialist ones	n/a		a
11-Feb	Expand medical programs into regional colleges	n/a		a
11-Feb	Increase the ratio of residences to medical school graduates	<u>\$10,000,000</u>		
11-Feb	Double the funding of home care	<u>\$202,000,000</u>		b
11-Feb	Provide additional long-term care beds - capital	<u>\$36,000,000</u>		c
11-Feb	Provide additional long-term care beds - operating	<u>\$6,000,000</u>		d
11-Feb	Increase the quality of long-term care by requiring Registered Nurses to be on-site	n/a		e
11-Feb	Create access to quality preschool and non-profit day care	<u>\$25,000,000</u>		f
11-Feb	Lower qualification for maternity/parental leave	?????	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	
11-Feb	Establish an Independent Seniors Advocate	?????		
11-Feb	Additional settlement funding for new Canadians	<u>\$30,000,000</u>		g
11-Feb	Provide government services in additional languages	<u>\$25,000,000</u>		
11-Feb	Increase funding to traditional and internet/mobile English as a Second Language training	<u>\$10,000,000</u>		h
11-Feb	50% boost to English as a Second Language school funding	<u>\$35,000,000</u>		i
11-Feb	Increased resources of energy market surveillance administration	?????	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	
11-Feb	Eliminate school and transit fees	<u>\$103,000,000</u>		
11-Feb	Create a school lunch program	<u>\$15,000,000</u>		
11-Feb	Expand registered apprenticeship programs	<u>\$20,000,000</u>		
11-Feb	Cap and lower post-secondary tuition by \$250 per year	<u>\$40,000,000</u>		
11-Feb	Create a post-secondary endowment fund	?????	<b>SEE NOTE D</b>	j
11-Feb	Forgive 5% or \$1,000 of student debt each year a student stays and works in Alberta	<u>\$30,000,000</u>		k
11-Feb	Make student loans easier to access	?????	<b>SEE NOTE D</b>	
11-Feb	Expand distance learning for post-secondary	?????		
11-Feb	Create a Heritage Fund endowment to fund amateur sport	<u>\$15,000,000</u>		l
11-Feb	Double, then triple funding to the Alberta Foundation for the Arts	<u>\$58,000,000</u>		

**A**

This regulation change would not result in additional cost to government, which already monitors workplace regulations and already provides maternity/parental leave. This regulation will bring us in line with the federal average.

**B**

The budget for the independent Senior's Advocate is set at \$10m - as outlined in a campaign press release sent out on March 28, 2012.

**C**

Smaller Programs such as the increase of resources for the energy market surveillance administrator, allowing citizens to FOIP for free, and the transition to independent monitoring are covered by the "Additional Platform Items" line item in the Alberta Liberal Platform, and are fully costed.

**D**

See next page.

**E**

The cost of this program is not known at this time.

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11-Feb	Create Heritage Fund endowment for performing and visual arts	?????	D		
11-Feb	Invest in permanent crisis communications capability	?????	C	\$10,000,000	
11-Feb	Create a Centre for Energy Innovation	\$10,000,000			
11-Feb	Create environmental innovations and Green Transportation Fund	?????	D		m
11-Feb	Independent environmental monitoring of industry	?????	C	\$10,000,000	
11-Feb	Establish a Municipal Heritage Fund	?????	D		
11-Feb	Additional funding for community leagues and associations	?????	D		
11-Feb	Make government expense documents searchable online	?????	C	\$5,000,000	
11-Feb	Allow five FOIP requests for free each year	?????	C	\$5,000,000	

Total new spending costed to date: \$770,000,000 \$820,000,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 23/37 36/37  
 Number of uncosted promises: 14 1

Date	Spending Reduction Promise	Party calculation of cost	Alternative calculation of cost	Notes
11-Feb	Reduce number of MLAs	\$0		n
11-Feb	Cap MLA transition allowances at 8 years of service	?????		
11-Feb	Disband the Public Affairs Bureau	\$7,100,000		
11-Feb	Cancel remaining carbon capture funding	\$500,000,000	\$400,000,000	o
11-Feb	Eliminate private school funding	\$51,000,000		p
11-Feb	Reduce number of government ministries	\$25,400,000		

Total new spending reductions costed to date: \$583,500,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 5/6  
 Number of uncosted promises: 1

Denotes capital expenditure

### Notes:

- a Assumed to be part of \$100 million commitment in Alberta Liberal Party platform for "Other Health & Wellness Platform Items"
- b According to Liberal Party platform, \$202 million in 2013, growing to \$404 million in 2015
- c According to Liberal Party platform, upgrading 500 seniors from acute care to long-term care would save \$55 million per year

## D ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Alberta currently spends a large portion of its resource revenue on the monthly bills. The Alberta Liberal Party would end this unstable arrangement by increasing income taxes on those making more than \$100,000/year and larger corporations, and by investing resource revenue instead into a number of funds. The resulting budget surpluses would then be divided between three main funds: The Heritage Fund, the new Municipal Heritage Fund, and the new Education Heritage Fund.

The size of these funds is not guaranteed. However, a full costing and explanation of those funds has been reiterated a number of times throughout the campaign.

Establishing a fund is not a guarantee of the results of that fund, but using very cautious estimates of revenue (indeed, the Alberta Liberal Party's platform relies on government figures that have been revised down) it is expected that these funds will provide significant long term funding - calculations of which have been released at regular intervals.

Projections of revenue can be found on the overview pages at the back of the Alberta Liberal Party platform, available at AlbertaLiberal.com.

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- d According to Liberal Party platform, \$6 million in 2014, growing to \$30 million in 2018
- e Assumed to be part of \$6 million commitment in Alberta Liberal Party platform for "Long Term Care Operating Costs"
- f According to Liberal Party platform, \$25 million in 2014, growing to \$100 million in 2016
- g According to Liberal Party platform, \$20 million in 2013, but growing to \$30 million in 2014 through 2018 annually
- h According to Liberal Party platform, \$5 million in 2013, \$10 million in 2014, growing to \$20 million in 2016
- i According to Liberal Party platform, \$20 million in 2013, growing to \$35 million in 2014 and \$56 million in 2015
- j According to the Liberal Party platform, fund is to be funded from resource revenue
- k According to the Liberal Party platform, \$15 million in 2013, \$30 million in 2014, growing to \$45 million in 2015 and 2016
- l According to the Liberal Party platform, \$10 million in 2013, \$15 million in 2014, growing to \$25 million in 2015
- m According to Liberal Party platform, to be funded by increase in carbon tax
- n According to the Liberal Party platform \$0 savings until 2016, when the savings becomes \$7 million annually
- o This is a one-time savings, not annual; Alberta NDP peg savings at \$400 million
- p According to the Liberal Party platform, initial savings are \$25 million, growing to \$127 million in 2017

F

The carbon levy is fully costed and expected to bring in \$1.8 billion when fully phased in. This has been announced in press releases as recently as Tuesday, April 10th.

Date	Taxation/Revenue Promise	Party calculation of cost	Alternative calculation of cost	Notes
11-Feb	\$500 tax credit for teachers	\$16,000,000	\$2,000,000	a
11-Feb	Levy carbon tax on total emissions rather than relative emissions	F ?????		
11-Feb	Move from one personal income tax to four	(\$910,000,000)		a
11-Feb	Increase corporate tax from 10% to 12%	(\$722,000,000)		c

Total tax cuts costed to date (Tax hikes if negative): -\$1,614,000,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 3/4  
 Number of uncosted promises: 1

**Notes:**

- a PC party platform estimates tax reduction at \$2 million annually
- b According to the Liberal Party platform, initial additional personal income tax revenue is \$856 million, growing to \$1.028 billion in 2018
- c According to Liberal Party platform, initial additional corporate tax revenue is \$650 million in 2013, growing to \$897 in 2018