

New Democratic Party 2013 Election Promises

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Date	Spending Promise	Party Calculation of Cost	Alternative Calculation of Cost	Notes
08-Apr	Use carbon tax for TransLink	\$200,000,000		a
15-Apr	Forest Industry Plan, including training, market expansion, reducing raw log exports and establishing a Jobs Protection Commissioner	\$100,000,000		b
17-Apr	Student Grant Program	\$100,000,000		c
17-Apr	Improve skills training and apprenticeships	\$40,000,000		d
17-Apr	New scholarship program	\$20,000,000		
17-Apr	Serve BC food in hospitals and expand Buy BC program	\$4,000,000		e
17-Apr	High Tech Strategy	\$2,000,000		f
17-Apr	Increase support to BC Arts Council		\$5,000,000	g
17-Apr	Support for immigrants	\$2,000,000		
17-Apr	Two-year BC Ferries fare freeze	\$40,000,000		
18-Apr	Hire new teachers, teaching assistants, librarians and counsellors	\$100,000,000		h
18-Apr	Increase licensed childcare subsidy	\$60,000,000		i
18-Apr	Renew support for First Nations heritage, language and culture	\$2,000,000		j
18-Apr	Restore Science World field trip grant	\$1,000,000		
19-Apr	Create BC Family Bonus program for low-income British Columbians	\$210,000,000		
19-Apr	Increase welfare rates by	\$49,000,000		k

	\$20/month and tie future increases to CPI			
19-Apr	Strengthen Community Living BC and add staff at Ministry of Children and Family Development	\$23,000,000		l
21-Apr	Local agriculture study		\$4,000,000	m

Total new spending costed to date: \$962,000,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 18/18

Number of uncosted promises: 0

(Pink denotes capital expenditure)

Notes:

- a. NDP transportation critic Harry Bains says \$200m corporate income tax hike (originally part of carbon tax revenue neutrality plan) will be used for TransLink
- b. Forest plan funding of \$310m is promised over five years, culminating in \$100m in year 5
- c. Student grant program estimated at \$250m over three years - \$50m in year 1, \$100m in each of year 2 and 3
- d. Skills training and apprenticeship program estimated at \$80m over three years, including \$40m in year 3
- e. Buy BC program expansion estimated at \$8m over three years, including \$4m in year 3
- f. High tech strategy estimated at \$5m over three years, including \$2m in each of year 2 and 3
- g. Document lumped BC Arts Council support in with film subsidy; difference of \$5m, thus this number
- h. New school staffing estimated at \$265m over three years, including \$100m in year 3
- i. Childcare subsidy totals \$100m over three years, including \$60m in year 3
- j. First Nations culture, heritage, language fund totals \$4m over three years, including \$2m in year 3
- k. Welfare changes total \$79m over three years, including \$49m in year 3
- l. CLBC and MCFD increases total \$59m over three years, including \$23m in year 3
- m. April 21 announcement included previously announced hospital food program and a total of \$8m. This number subtracts \$4m originally announced April 17

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Date	Spending Reduction Promise	Calculation of Cost	Calculation of Cost	Notes
11-Apr	Reallocation of BC Liberal Budget 2013 spending	\$328,000,000		a

Total new spending reductions costed to date: \$328,000,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 1/1

Number of uncosted promises: 0

Pink denotes capital expenditure

Notes:

a. Total reallocation over three years of \$562m, including \$328m in year 3.

Date	Taxation/Revenue Promise	Party Calculation of Cost	Alternative Calculation of Cost	Notes
09-Apr	Expanded BC Film Industry subsidy	\$45,000,000		
11-Apr	Raise corporate income tax rate from 11% to 12%	-\$200,000,000		a
11-Apr	Bring in corporation capital tax on banks and credit unions	-\$150,000,000		
11-Apr	Raise income tax on incomes over \$150,000 from 16.8% to 19%	-\$200,000,000		b
11-Apr	Expand the carbon tax to include "venting" emissions from oil and gas sector	-\$100,000,000		c
17-Apr	Expand BC Training Tax Credit and establish co-op student wage subsidy	\$8,000,000		d

Total tax cuts costed to date (Tax hikes if negative): -\$597,000,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 6/6

Number of uncosted promises: 0

Notes:

- a. Adds to Liberal Budget 2013 tax increase from 10% to 11%
- b. Adds to two-year Liberal Budget 2013 tax increase from 14.7% to 16.8%; makes increase permanent
- c. Phased in over three years, but will total \$100m annually by 2016/17
- d. Training tax credit and co-op subsidy estimated at \$13m over two years, including \$8m in year 2