

2012 Election Spending and Taxation Promises

Wildrose Party

March 26 - April 23, 2012

Date	Spending Promise	Party calculation of cost	Alternative calculation of cost	Notes
27-Mar	Replace current grant program with 10% of provincial taxes for municipalities	\$70,000,000		a
27-Mar	50% of cash surpluses to Heritage Fund	n/a		
27-Mar	10% of cash surpluses to municipalities	n/a		
2-Apr	20% of cash surpluses to Alberta Energy Dividend	n/a		
3-Apr	Eliminating mandatory school fees	\$60,000,000		b
5-Apr	Alberta Patient Wait Time Guarantee	\$178,100,000		c
9-Apr	Improved access to government documents via FOIP	?????		
9-Apr	Public disclosure of minister and MLA expenses	?????		
9-Apr	Independent MLA pay review every 4 years	?????		
14-Apr	Expanded health care inquiry	?????	\$20,000,000	f

Total new spending costed to date: \$308,100,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 6/10

Number of uncosted promises: 4

Date	Spending Reduction Promise	Party calculation of cost	Alternative calculation of cost	Notes
9-Apr	Roll-back 30% pay hike for cabinet ministers	?????	\$2,630,000	d
9-Apr	Extend three-year capital plan to four years	\$1,621,000,000		
9-Apr	Cancel carbon capture and storage program	\$2,000,000,000	\$400,000,000	e
9-Apr	Roll-back MLA pay by 5%	?????		d
9-Apr	Transition allowance formula cut to 1 month per year served, with 12-month maximum	?????		

Total new spending reductions costed to date: \$3,621,000,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 2/5

Number of uncosted promises: 3

Denotes capital expenditure

Notes:

a Estimated at \$1.8 billion, but offset by elimination of grant program for a net increase in spending by \$70 million

b Wildrose party platform gives range of \$40 million to \$80 million

c Wildrose party platform claims costs are off-set by cancellation of carbon capture program

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d CTF calculation from 2011-12 pre-budget submission for rollback of MLA and cabinet salaries
e This is a one-time savings, not annual; Alberta NDP peg savings at \$400 million for remainder of program. Unknown if intention is to cancel money already committed or not
f PC Party press release estimates cost at "\$20 million or more"

Date	Taxation/Revenue Promise	Party calculation of cost	Alternative calculation of cost	Notes
29-Mar	\$2000 tax deduction for children	\$130,000,000	\$176,929,000	a
31-Mar	\$500 tax credit for children's sports, arts and cultural activities	\$30,000,000		
27-Mar	Prohibit transfer of interest from Heritage Fund to general revenues	\$785,000,000		

Total tax cuts costed to date (Tax hikes if negative):

\$945,000,000

Total number of costed promises / Number of promises: 3/3

Number of uncosted promises: 0

Notes:

a PC party claims the cost is \$176,929,000. Wildrose Platform claims tax deduction will be phased in over two years once budget is balanced

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