

# Government of Alberta

## QUICK FACTS

### Annual Report 2010-11

- **Revenue** was \$34.9 billion, \$886 million higher than estimated at budget, primarily due to higher Crown lease sales, bitumen royalties, and investment income.
- **Expense** was \$38.3 billion, \$452 million lower than estimated at budget, primarily due to lower operating expense and capital grants.
- **Deficit** was \$3.4 billion—a drop from the \$4.7 billion forecast at budget. This lower deficit means less was drawn from the Sustainability Fund, which stood at \$11.2 billion at March 31, 2011, \$3 billion higher than originally forecast in Budget 2010.
- **The Capital Plan** supported \$5.9 billion in projects in 2010-11, including funding for housing, health and education projects, as well as improvements to provincial highways. Total investment in capital projects came in \$634 million lower than last year, and \$1.3 billion lower than budgeted as there were savings in construction costs and some projects were reprofiled to future years. No projects were cancelled.
- **Health** expense was \$15 billion, \$1.9 billion higher than in 2009-10. The increase from 2009-10 reflects a \$1.5 billion increase to the AHS operating grant as part of government's five-year funding commitment, as well as increases for physician services and service delivery enhancements.
- **Education** expense was \$9.3 billion, a decrease of \$263 million from 2009-10, and \$49 million lower than the budget estimate. The decrease from 2009-10 was due mainly to lower capital grants and less demand for job training programs due to an improving economy, partially offset by increases for teachers' salaries, enrollment growth, higher demand for English as a Second Language and other specialized programs, and student loans.
- **Social services** expense was \$4 billion in 2010-11, an increase of \$208 million from 2009-10 and \$112 million from the budget estimate. The increase from 2009-10 was due mainly to increased caseloads and costs in Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped, programs for children and seniors, income supports, health benefits and child care.
- Albertans and Alberta businesses continue to pay the **lowest overall taxes in Canada**.
- Alberta's **economy grew by 3.8%** in 2010.

# Measuring Up Highlights

## Highlights of the 2010-11 *Measuring Up* include

Progress toward achieving the 2010-13 *Government of Alberta Strategic Business Plan* goals and strategies.

- Alberta continues to have the highest personal disposable income per capita in Canada. Alberta met its target labour force participation rate at 72.9%, which ranked the highest in Canada (2010).
- **Adult literacy rates** in Alberta are among the highest in Canada and well above the Canadian average. **79% of students completed high school** within five years of entering Grade 10.
- 72% of **participants in skills programs were employed or in further education** or training three months after leaving the program, up four percentage points from 2009-10.
- A **reduction of 6.5 million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions** was achieved from large facilities under the province's mandatory reduction program. When added to previous results, **emissions reductions now total 23.8 million tonnes**.
- 88% of Albertans age 18 to 64 years reported that their **health was excellent**, very good or good (2011).
- 84.5% of Alberta's **children demonstrated healthy social development** and 83.2% demonstrated healthy emotional development, maintaining Alberta's status relative to the national average (2008-09).
- The number of **affordable housing units** approved for development was 1,936. Of the 11,000 affordable housing units that government committed to develop by 2012, over 10,790 **have been approved to date**.
- Alberta is **on track** to meet its **goal of ending homelessness** by 2019. Over 3,500 homeless individuals and families have received housing and support services since the implementation of Alberta's 10-year plan to address homelessness.
- The provincial workplace **lost-time claim rate** was 1.41, achieving the target of 1.75 or less. The rate dropped approximately eight per cent from the previous year (1.53) and reached a record low (2010).
- 82% of **Albertans felt very safe or reasonably safe** walking alone in their area after dark (2010-11), a four percentage point increase over the previous year.
- **Traffic fatalities dropped** by 14.4% and **traffic injuries** by 12.9% in 2009 compared to 2008.