



2017 Federal Budget

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Budget 2017 - Overview:

On March 22, 2017 Finance Minister Bill Morneau tabled the Trudeau government's second federal budget. The following provides overall themes and focuses on areas of interest to law enforcement.

Overall budget themes:

- Skills, Innovation And Middle Class Jobs
- Communities Built For Change
- A Strong Canada At Home And In The World
- Tax Fairness For The Middle Class
- Equal Opportunity: Budget 2017's Gender Statement

2017 Federal Budget Highlights:

- Equip Canada's workers with the skills and tools they need to succeed in a changing economy. Budget 2017 places Canada's skilled, talented and creative people at the heart of a more innovative economy. It makes smart investments to help adult workers retrain or upgrade their skills to adapt to changes in the new economy, and to help young people get the skills and work experience they need to start their careers.
- Take an important step towards gender equality, with Canada's first ever Gender Statement, which serves as a basis for ongoing, open and transparent discussions about the role gender plays in policy development.
- Strengthen Canada's publicly funded, universal health care system to meet the needs of Canadian families. Budget 2017 confirms the Government's historic health funding agreements with 12 provinces and territories by investing in better home care and mental health initiatives that will help the families who need it most.

- Advance Canada's efforts to build a clean growth economy, by investing in green infrastructure that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, delivers clean air and safe drinking water, and promotes renewable power. Budget 2017 also takes important steps to support the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.
- Position Canada at the leading edge of a changing economy, by helping to ensure Canadians are able to access the jobs of the future. Budget 2017 helps connect companies on a global scale, takes an innovative and collaborative approach to solving modern challenges, and helps businesses get what they need to grow.
- Build stronger communities, by improving access to early learning, child care and affordable housing. Budget 2017 takes concrete action to improve the quality of life of all Canadians, with more cultural and recreational centres, as well as safe and accessible public spaces.
- Advance reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, through investments in infrastructure and First Nations and Inuit health, actions to strengthen Indigenous communities, funding to support education and training, and measures to promote language and culture revitalization.
- Make the tax system fairer for the middle class. Budget 2017 will close tax loopholes, crack down on tax evasion, improve existing tax measures for individuals and families, and eliminate measures that are inefficient or no longer effective. Through Budget 2017, the Government will also be taking steps toward eliminating tax measures that disproportionately benefit the wealthy.

Final Budgetary Balance (Investments Included in Budget 2017) (billions of dollars)

2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021 2022
-23.0	-28.5	-27.4	-23.4	-21.7	-18.8

Budget 2017 - Federal Budget Highlights Impacting Law Enforcement:

- \$5 billion over 10 years to support mental health initiatives.
- Support the national measures associated with the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy through an investment of \$35 million over five years, for a total of \$100 million over five years
- As part of the Canadian Drugs and Substances Strategy, Health Canada will support marijuana public education programming and surveillance activities in advance of the Government's plan to legalize cannabis by directing existing funding of \$9.6 million over five years, with \$1.0 million per year ongoing.
- Budget 2017 proposes to invest \$55.5 million over five years, starting in 2017–18, and \$11.1 million per year ongoing, to provide long-term and stable investment in the Indigenous Justice Program promoting the use of restorative justice practices
- Budget 2017 proposes to help reverse the trend of Indigenous overrepresentation in Canada's criminal justice system, and to help previously incarcerated Indigenous Peoples heal, rehabilitate and find good jobs by providing \$65.2 million over five years, starting in 2017–18, and \$10.9 million per year thereafter.
- The First Nations Policing Program provides incremental investments to support policing in Indigenous communities. Budget 2017 proposes to provide an investment of \$81.6 million over five years, starting in 2018–19, to address the most immediate needs of Indigenous police forces, while the Government examines ways to increase the effectiveness of this program.

- Budget 2017 proposes to invest \$100.9 million over five years, starting in 2017–18, and \$20.7 million per year thereafter, to establish a National Strategy to Address Gender-Based Violence. The Strategy will create a centre of excellence within Status of Women Canada, to better align existing resources to address gender-based violence, and include measures that will be implemented by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Department of National Defence
- Budget 2017 proposes to provide \$80 million over five years, starting in 2018–19, and \$20 million thereafter, to support the establishment of a tax-free Community Heroes benefit to be implemented in cooperation with provinces, territories and municipalities. This benefit will support the families of public safety officers who have fallen in the line of duty.
- provide the Canadian Judicial Council with \$2.7 million over five years, and \$0.5 million per year thereafter, to support programming on judicial education, ethics and conduct.
- Budget 2017 proposes funding of \$55 million over five years, and \$15.5 million per year thereafter, and legislative amendments to create 28 new federally appointed judicial positions. Some of these positions will help address immediate demographic pressures in Alberta and Yukon, and a pool of positions will help ensure that Canadians have timely access to justice in other provinces and territories.
- Strengthening Canada's anti-money laundering and anti-terrorist financing regime

What Was Promised In 2016? Federal Budget Highlights Impacting Law Enforcement:

- Supporting Shelters for Victims of Violence - Budget 2016 proposes to provide \$89.9 million over two years, beginning in 2016–17, for the construction and renovation of shelters and transition houses for victims of family violence.
- Budget 2016 proposes to allocate \$40 million over two years, beginning in 2016–17, toward the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.
- Taking Action Against Guns and Gangs- Over the next year, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness will be working with his provincial, territorial and municipal counterparts to develop a strategy on how the federal government can best support communities and law enforcement in their ongoing efforts to make it harder for criminals to get and use these weapons and to reduce guns and gang violence in our communities.
- In addition, as the Government consults Canadians on the framework for the legalization of marijuana, it will work to ensure that any new regime must protect young Canadians by keeping marijuana out of the hands of children and youth.
- The Government remains committed to repealing the problematic elements of Bill C-51. Following consultation, the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness will introduce new legislation that strengthens accountability with respect to national security and better balances collective security with rights and freedoms.
- Office of the Community Outreach and Counter-Radicalization Coordinator - Budget 2016 proposes to provide \$35 million over five years, starting in 2016–17, with \$10 million per year ongoing, to establish an Office of the Community Outreach and Counter-radicalization Coordinator. The Office will provide leadership on Canada's response to radicalization to violence, coordinate federal/provincial/territorial and international initiatives, and support community outreach and research.
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police Vancouver Laboratory Relocation - Budget 2016 proposes to provide up to \$60.4 million over five years on a cash basis for a new RCMP forensic laboratory to be

co-located with the RCMP's regional headquarters in Surrey, British Columbia. The new, more efficient laboratory will support the investigation of the most serious and violent crimes, helping to quickly identify and apprehend offenders, and contribute to enhancing the safety of Canadians.

- As part of the federal infrastructure initiative, Budget 2016 proposes to provide more than \$128 million over two years on a cash basis, starting in 2016–17, to improve the physical infrastructure that is relied upon by law enforcement and intelligence agencies across the country on a daily basis. This investment will contribute to the rehabilitation, construction and modernization of facilities of the RCMP, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the Canada Border Services Agency. The investment will address health and safety concerns for officers, ensure the continuity of mission-critical operations, repurpose existing spaces to better meet program requirements and upgrade training facilities, in particular those at the RCMP Depot Division located in Regina, Saskatchewan.
- Strengthening the Security of Government of Canada Networks and Cyber Systems - Budget 2016 proposes to provide \$77.4 million over five years, starting in 2016–17, to implement new measures to improve the security of government networks and information technology systems.
- \$106.5 million for the International Police Peacekeeping and Peace Operations Program