

Expenditure Monitor 2023-24: Q4

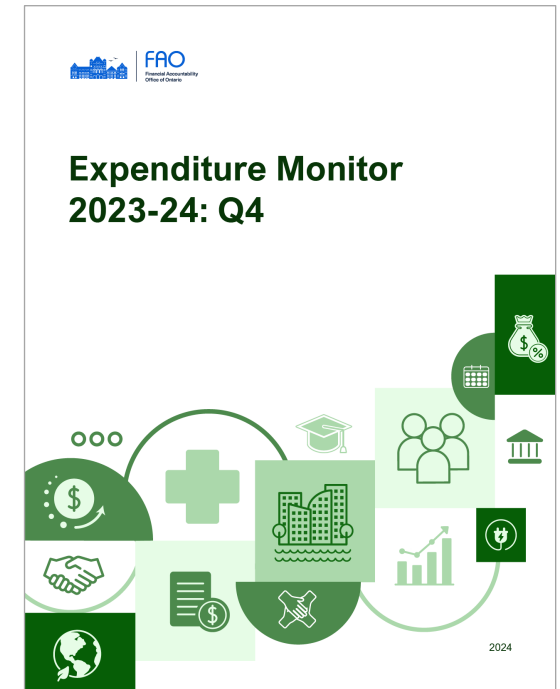
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Purpose and Overview

- This report provides information on actual unaudited spending by the Government of Ontario (the Province) through the end of the 2023-24 fiscal year (March 31, 2024).
- The information in this report is based on the FAO's analysis of transactions recorded in the Province's financial accounting system as of April 22, 2024.
- All figures are unaudited, as final audited figures are not available until the release of the Public Accounts of Ontario.



2023-24 Spending Plan Changes



2023-24 Spending Plan Up \$7.6 Billion

Sector (\$ millions)	2023-24 Spending Plan	Q1 Changes	Q2 Changes	Q3 Changes	Q4 Changes	Total Changes	Revised 2023-24 Spending Plan
Health	77,090	-14	180	-	3,395	3,561	80,651
Education	36,281	2	-	-	3,147	3,149	39,430
Postsecondary Education	7,226	1	-	-8	1	-5	7,221
Children, Community and Social Services	19,526	33	-	-	24	57	19,583
Justice	5,664	190	21	-	439	651	6,315
Other Programs	33,756	604	76	139	1,497	2,315	36,071
Unallocated Funds:							
Contingency Fund	4,000	-849	-277	2,212	-3,231	-2,145	1,855
Interest on Debt	13,764	-	-	-	-	-	13,764
Total	197,307	-32	-	2,343	5,272	7,582	204,889

Note: Figures exclude planned spending on some assets and additional planned spending by the broader public sector organizations controlled by the Province (hospitals, school boards, colleges and Children's Aid Societies), the Province's agencies and the legislative offices.

Source: FAO analysis of information provided by Treasury Board Secretariat.



Key Spending Plan Changes in Q4

- Health:
 - **\$2,598 million increase** for Health Services, largely for the Operation of Hospitals.
 - **\$474 million increase** for Programs and Administration, largely for Digital Health and Cancer Treatment Services.
 - **\$455 million increase** for Ontario Health Insurance, largely for payments to physicians and practitioners.
- Education:
 - **\$3,144 million increase** for Policy and Program Delivery, largely for School Board Operating Grants.
- Other Programs:
 - **\$1,169 million increase** for Metrolinx infrastructure projects.
 - **\$423 million increase** for Metrolinx Operating Subsidies.
 - **\$455 million decrease** for Broadband and Cellular Infrastructure (Capital).



Actual Unaudited Spending versus Planned Spending



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Actual Unaudited Spending was \$7.8 Billion Less than Planned

Sector (\$ millions)	Revised 2023-24 Spending Plan	2023-24 Actual Unaudited Spending	Actual vs. Revised Spending Plan	Actual vs. Revised Spending Plan (%)
Health	80,651	79,355	-1,296	-1.6%
Education	39,430	39,343	-87	-0.2%
Postsecondary Education	7,221	7,113	-108	-1.5%
Children, Community and Social Services	19,583	19,465	-118	-0.6%
Justice	6,315	6,197	-118	-1.9%
Other Programs	36,071	33,662	-2,409	-6.7%
Unallocated Funds:				
Contingency Fund	1,855	-	-1,855	N/A
Interest on Debt	13,764	11,936	-1,828	-13.3%
Total	204,889	197,072	-7,818	-3.8%

Note: Figures exclude spending on some assets and additional spending by the broader public sector organizations controlled by the Province (hospitals, school boards, colleges and Children's Aid Societies), the Province's agencies and the legislative offices.

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Key Programs with Less than Planned Spending

- Interest on Debt (-\$1,828 million).
- Treasury Board Secretariat, Employee and Pensioner Benefits (Employer Share) Program (Vote 3403) (-\$545 million).
- Long-Term Care Homes Program (Operating) (-\$260 million).
- Ontario Electricity Rebate (-\$200 million).
- Municipal Transit (Capital) (-\$180 million).
- Operation of Hospitals (-\$111 million).
- Contingency Fund – Remaining Balance (-\$1,855 million).



2023-24 Spending versus 2022-23 Spending



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2023-24 Spending Up \$7.8 Billion versus 2022-23

Sector (\$ millions)	2022-23 Actual Audited Spending	2023-24 Actual Unaudited Spending	2023-24 vs. 2022-23	2023-24 vs. 2022-23 (%)
Health	74,215	79,355	5,139	6.9
Education	34,558	39,343	4,785	13.8
Postsecondary Education	6,719	7,113	394	5.9
Children, Community and Social Services	18,229	19,465	1,236	6.8
Justice	5,809	6,197	388	6.7
Other Programs	37,275	33,662	-3,613	-9.7
Interest on Debt	12,494	11,936	-558	-4.5
Total	189,299	197,072	7,772	4.1

Note: Figures exclude spending on some assets and additional spending by the broader public sector organizations controlled by the Province (hospitals, school boards, colleges and Children's Aid Societies), the Province's agencies and the legislative offices.

Source: FAO analysis of the 2022-23 Public Accounts of Ontario and information provided by Treasury Board Secretariat.



Key Programs with Year-Over-Year Spending Increases

- School board operating grants (\$3,793 million)
- Operation of Hospitals (\$2,958 million)
- Metrolinx infrastructure projects (\$1,572 million)
- Payments to physicians and practitioners (\$1,026 million)
- Operation of long-term care homes (\$707 million)
- Child care (\$671 million)
- Major Hospital Projects (\$512 million)
- Home Care (\$471 million)
- School Board Capital Grants (\$440 million)
- Ontario Disability Support Program – Financial Assistance (\$410 million)



2023-24 Total Consolidated Spending Projection



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FAO Consolidated Spending Projection \$3.4 Billion Lower than Province

(\$ millions)	Province	FAO	Difference
Consolidated Spending*			
Health	84,467	83,249	-1,217
Education**	38,248	38,142	-106
Postsecondary Education	12,576	12,664	88
Children's and Social Services	19,438	19,326	-111
Justice	6,090	5,739	-351
Other Programs**	33,653	32,938	-715
Interest on Debt	12,843	11,808	-1,035
Total Consolidated Spending	207,313	203,865	-3,448

* The FAO's total consolidated spending forecast includes \$197.1 billion in ministry spending previously discussed in this report and an estimated \$6.8 billion in additional spending by the broader public sector organizations controlled by the Province (hospitals, school boards, colleges and Children's Aid Societies), the Province's agencies and the legislative offices, as well as other spending adjustments.

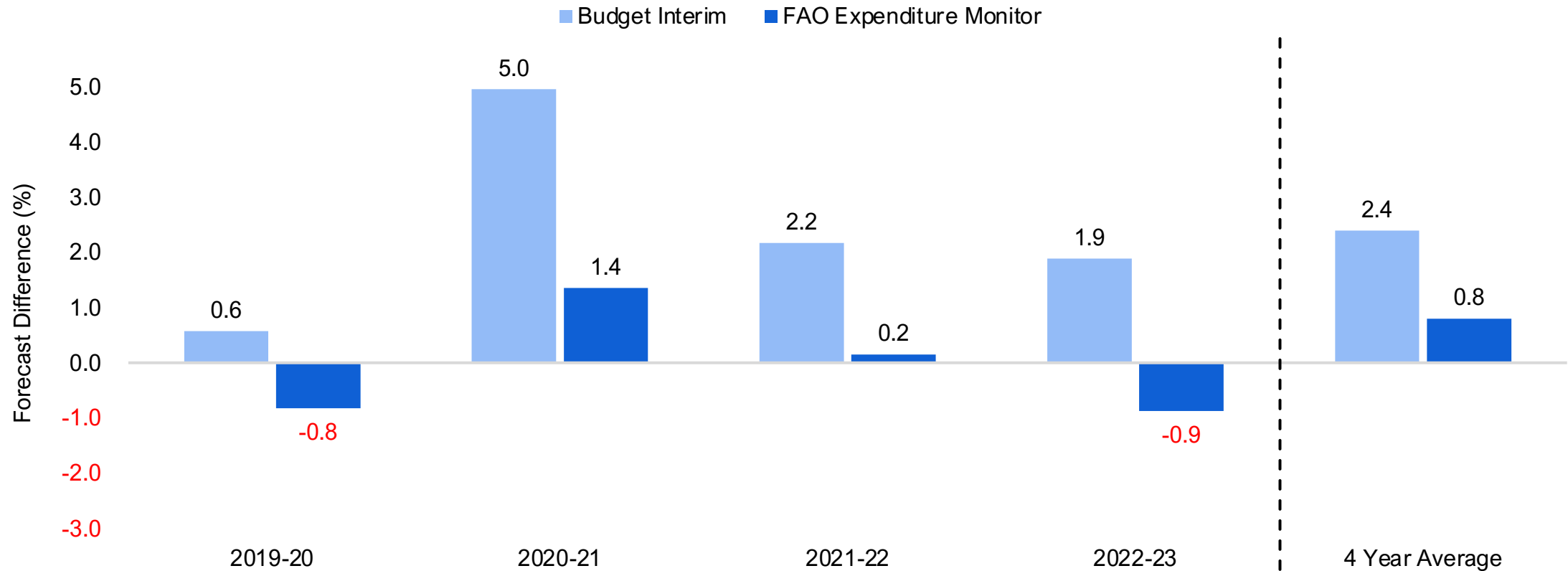
** Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan (OTPP) expense is included in the education sector.

Note: The FAO's total consolidated spending projection excludes the remaining Contingency Fund balance.

Source: 2024 Ontario Budget and FAO analysis of information provided by Treasury Board Secretariat.



How Accurate is the FAO's Total Consolidated Spending Forecast?



Note: "Budget Interim" represents the Interim forecast for total consolidated spending in the Ontario Budget. "FAO Expenditure Monitor" represents the total consolidated spending forecast in the Fourth Quarter Expenditure Monitor. Positive values indicate that the forecast was higher than actual spending in the Public Accounts of Ontario, while negative values indicate that the forecast was lower than actual spending in the Public Accounts of Ontario. The four-year average is calculated in absolute terms, i.e., negative values are treated as positive values.

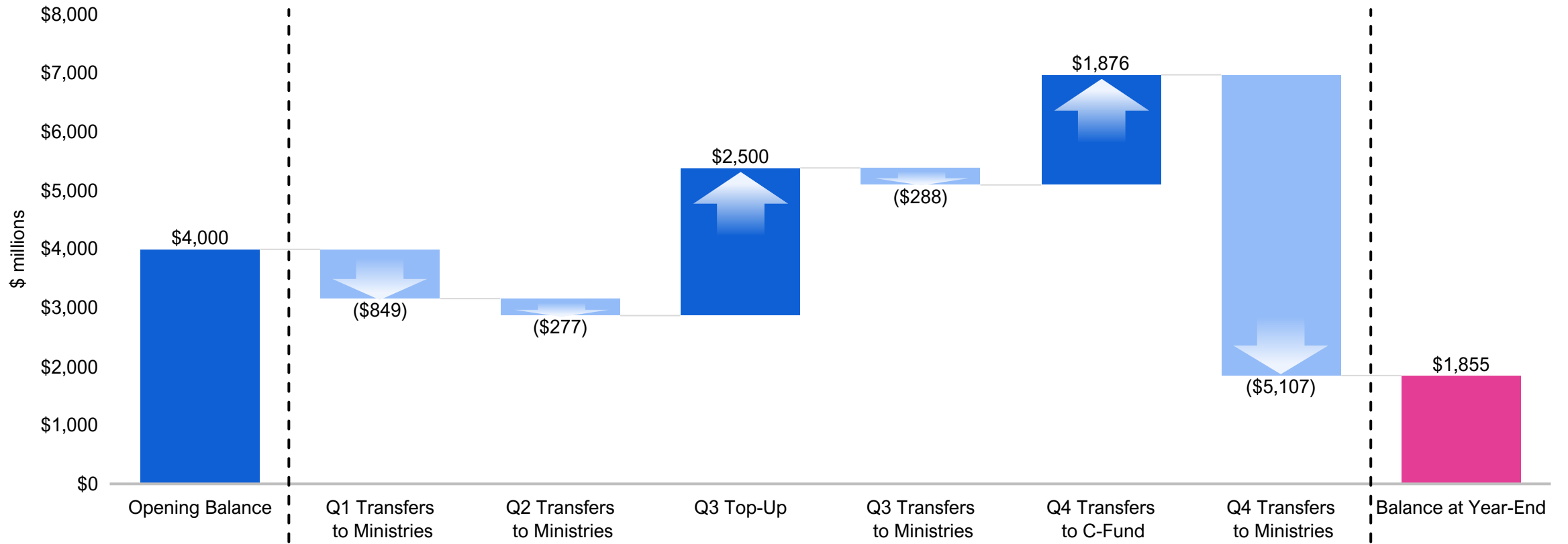
Source: The Public Accounts of Ontario, from 2019-20 to 2022-23, the March 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update, the Ontario Budgets from 2020 to 2023 and FAO analysis of information provided by Treasury Board Secretariat.



Status of the Contingency Fund



Contingency Fund Year-End Balance was \$1.9 Billion



Source: FAO analysis of information provided by Treasury Board Secretariat.



Thank you!



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