

Expenditure Monitor 2025-26: Q4

2026

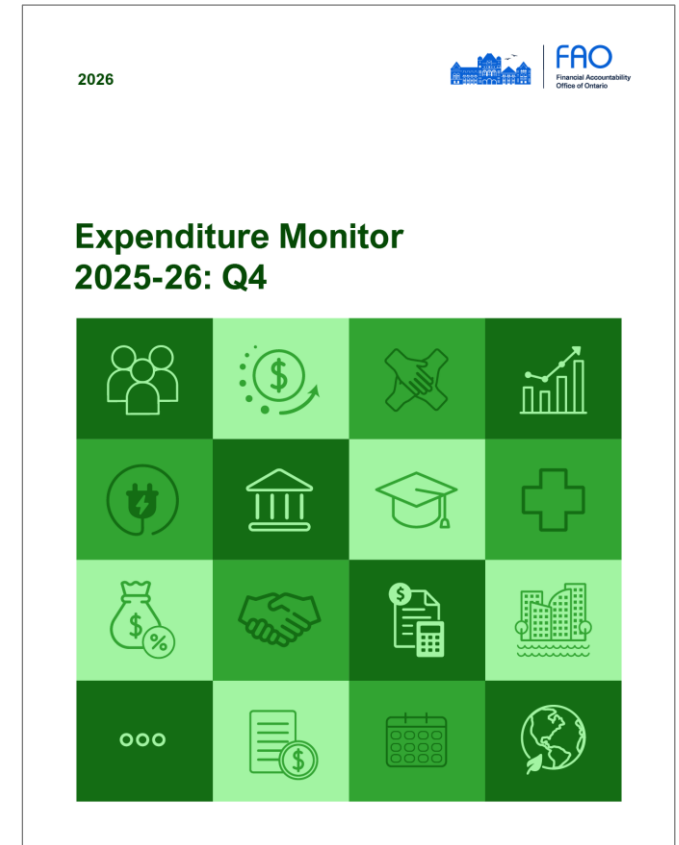
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Presentation

Purpose and Overview

- This report provides information on unaudited spending by the Government of Ontario (the Province) through the end of the 2025-26 fiscal year (March 31, 2026).
- 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, 2026, other adjustments identified by the Province, and the FAO's estimate of 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 legislative offices.
- All figures are unaudited. Final audited 2025-26 spending will be available in the 2025-26 Public Accounts of Ontario, which will be released in September 2026.



2025-26 Spending Plan Changes



2025-26 Spending Plan up \$6.7 Billion

Sector (\$ millions)	2025-26 Spending Plan	Q1 Changes	Q2 Changes	Q3 Changes	Q4 Changes	Total Changes	Revised 2025-26 Spending Plan
Health	91,131	-	-	1,487	3,401	4,888	96,019
Education	42,720	-	-	-	275	275	42,995
Postsecondary Education	12,986	-	-	1,429	-7	1,422	14,408
Children, Community and Social Services	20,359	-	-	-	1,066	1,066	21,424
Justice	6,743	-	10	<1	559	569	7,312
Other Programs	39,360	11	230	585	-1,322	-496	38,864
Unallocated Funds:							
Contingency Fund	3,000	-11	-495	497	-1,003	-1,011	1,989
Interest and Other Debt Servicing Charges	16,198	-	-	-	-	-	16,198
Total	232,497	-	-254	3,999	2,968	6,713	239,209

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



Key Spending Plan Changes in Q3 & Q4

- Health:
 - **\$2.4 billion increase** for Ontario Health Insurance, largely for payments to physicians and practitioners.
 - **\$1.2 billion increase** for Health Services, including \$0.4 billion for the Operation of Hospitals.
 - **\$0.8 billion increase** for Drug Programs.
- Education:
 - **\$0.4 billion increase** for the Teachers' Pension Plan.
- Postsecondary Education:
 - **\$1.4 billion increase** for Colleges, Universities and Student Support, largely for Student Financial Assistance Programs.
- Children, Community and Social Services:
 - **\$0.5 billion increase** for Financial and Employment Supports, largely for Ontario Works – Financial Assistance.
- Other Programs:
 - **\$1.0 billion increase** for Ministry of Transportation – Transit (Capital) including a \$1.2 billion increase for Metrolinx.
 - **\$0.6 billion increase** for Ministry of Transportation – Transit (Operating) including a \$0.5 billion increase for Metrolinx.



2025-26 Unaudited Spending vs. Revised Spending Plan



Unaudited Spending was \$2.7 Billion Less than Planned

Sector (\$ millions)	Revised 2025-26 Spending Plan	2025-26 Unaudited Spending	Unaudited Spending vs. Revised Spending Plan	Unaudited Spending vs. Revised Spending Plan (%)
Health	96,019	97,236	1,217	1.3
Education	42,995	42,654	-341	-0.8
Postsecondary Education	14,408	14,020	-388	-2.7
Children, Community and Social Services	21,424	21,428	3	0.0
Justice	7,312	7,136	-175	-2.4
Other Programs	38,864	38,312	-551	-1.4
Unallocated Funds:				
Contingency Fund	1,989	-	-1,989	N/A
Interest and Other Debt Servicing Charges	16,198	15,674	-524	-3.2
Total	239,209	236,460	-2,749	-1.1

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



Key Programs with Higher / Lower than Planned Spending

- Key programs with lower-than-planned spending include:
 - Interest and Other Debt Servicing Charges (**-\$0.5 billion**)
 - Estimated self-financed operating spending by colleges due to lower international student fee revenue (**-\$0.4 billion**)
 - Support for Elementary and Secondary Education, which funds school infrastructure (**-\$0.3 billion**)
- Key programs with higher-than-planned spending include:
 - Metrolinx infrastructure projects (**\$0.4 billion**)



2025-26 Unaudited Spending vs. 2024-25 Audited Spending



2025-26 Spending up \$9.2 Billion versus 2024-25

Sector (\$ millions)	2024-25 Audited Spending	2025-26 Unaudited Spending	2025-26 vs. 2024-25	2025-26 vs. 2024-25 (%)
Health	91,631	97,236	5,605	6.1
Education	40,059	42,654	2,595	6.5
Postsecondary Education	14,146	14,020	-126	-0.9
Children, Community and Social Services	20,736	21,428	692	3.3
Justice	7,224	7,136	-88	-1.2
Other Programs	38,334	38,312	-21	-0.1
Interest and Other Debt Servicing Charges	15,122	15,674	553	3.7
Total	227,251	236,460	9,209	4.1

Source: FAO analysis of the 2024-25 Public Accounts of Ontario and information provided by Treasury Board Secretariat.



Key Programs with Year-Over-Year Spending Increases

- Operating spending by hospitals (**\$1.8 billion**)
- Payments to physicians and practitioners (**\$1.7 billion**)
- Child Care and Early Years program (**\$1.4 billion**)
- Major Hospital Projects (**\$1.1 billion**)
- Student financial assistance (**\$1.1 billion**)
- Operating spending by school boards (**\$0.7 billion**)
- Interest and other debt servicing charges (**\$0.6 billion**)
- Teachers' Pension Plan (**\$0.5 billion**)
- Home Care (**\$0.5 billion**)



2025-26 Unaudited Spending vs. 2026 Ontario Budget Interim Projection



2025-26 Spending \$2.0 billion Less than Province's Interim Spending Projection

Sector (\$ millions)	2025-26 Interim Projection	2025-26 Unaudited Spending	Unaudited Spending vs. Interim Projection	Unaudited Spending vs. Interim Projection (%)
Health	97,823	97,236	-587	-0.6
Education	42,697	42,654	-43	-0.1
Postsecondary Education	14,030	14,020	-10	-0.1
Children, Community and Social Services	21,459	21,428	-31	-0.1
Justice	7,335	7,136	-199	-2.7
Other Programs*	39,043	38,312	-731	-1.9
Interest and Other Debt Servicing Charges	16,047	15,674	-373	-2.3
Total	238,434	236,460	-1,974	-0.8

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

Source: 2026 Ontario Budget and FAO analysis of information provided by Treasury Board Secretariat.

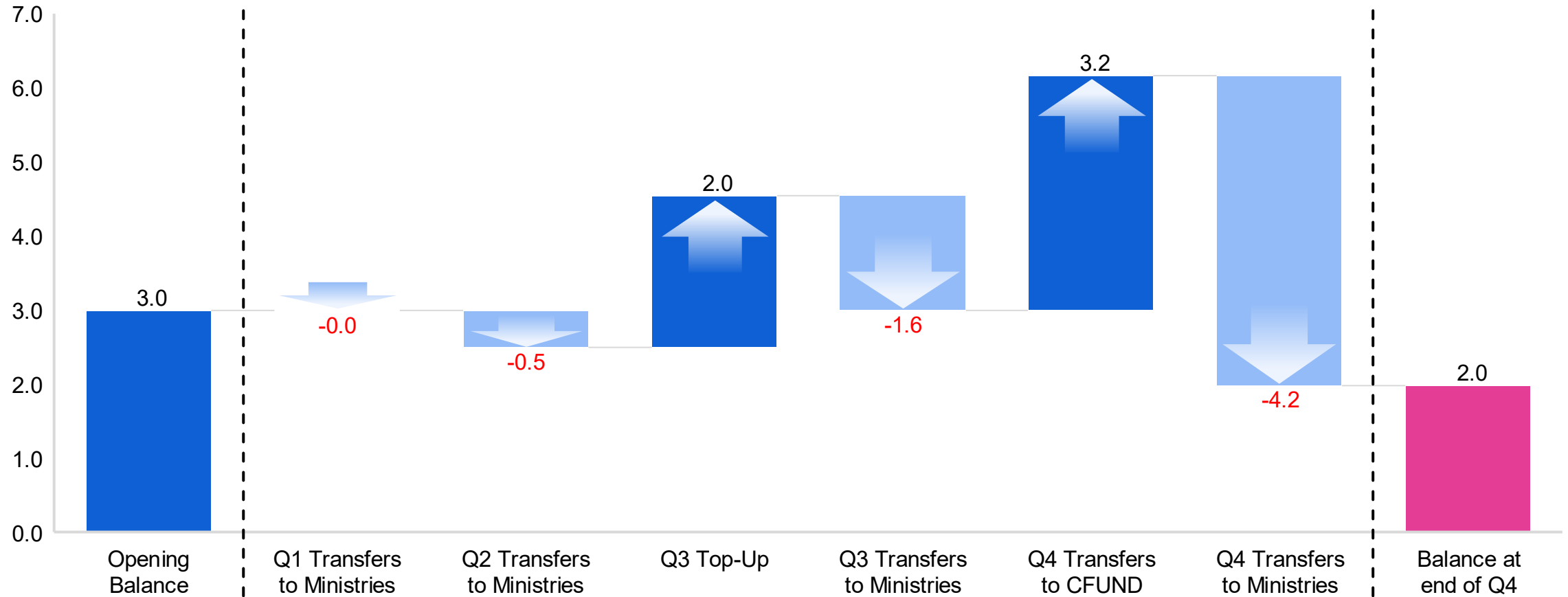


Status of the Contingency Fund



Contingency Fund Year-End Balance was \$2 Billion

\$ billions



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



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