

2008 Election Spending Promises

PC Party

February 4 - March 3, 2008

Date	Spending Promise	Party calculation of cost	CTF calculation of cost	Notes
5-Feb	Create two new health high schools	\$5,000,000		
5-Feb	Create new physician training spaces over the next four years to graduate an additional 225 doctors per year	\$100,000,000		
5-Feb	Recruit qualified foreign-trained health care workers	\$4,000,000		
5-Feb	Increase of 350 new Registered Nurse graduates per year	\$55,000,000		
5-Feb	Increase of 220 new Licensed Practical Nurses each year	\$15,000,000		
6-Feb	Larger employment income exemption for AISH recipients	\$2,000,000		
7-Feb	Support the creation of 14,000 new child care spaces over the next three years and another 4,000 spaces by 2016	\$122,000,000		
8-Feb	Support affordable assisted living facilities in mature neighbourhoods so seniors can maintain their social networks	\$50,000,000		
11-Feb	Implement an incentive program for homeowners and small businesses who renovate to utilize renewable energy sources; or who replace appliances with energy efficient models	\$20,000,000		a
11-Feb	Renew our commitments to Alberta's provincial parks	??????		b
11-Feb	Provide support for community projects that improve energy efficiency and use renewable energy	n/a		a
11-Feb	Fund first phase of the River Valley Alliance Park	\$50,000,000		
11-Feb	Establishing a Provincial Park along the Bow River Valley	n/a		c
12-Feb	Increase investment in clean energy technologies	??????		d
12-Feb	Create incentives and tools to ensure Alberta industry maintains a leadership role in Carbon Capture and Storage	??????		e
12-Feb	Support research and demonstration projects on CO2 capture and storage	??????		e
12-Feb	Establish an advisory team of scientists, industry and government to determine policies and regulations for the safe and effective use of carbon capture technology	n/a		c
12-Feb	Construction of a new Telus World of Science and Creative Kids Museum in Calgary	\$40,000,000		
14-Feb	Add a minimum of 100 additional police officers for targeted priorities	\$156,000,000		
14-Feb	Hire more prosecutors and provincial judges	n/a		f
14-Feb	Establish a database system to ensure more detailed information on repeat offenders and their crimes is available to Crown prosecutors and police	n/a		f

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14-Feb	Increase the number of drug treatment and mental health courts	n/a		f
14-Feb	Increase access to treatment for drug addictions and mental health services	n/a		f
14-Feb	Give more support to front line agencies that provide shelter and protection for victims, and those that support abused children, spouses and elders	n/a		f
18-Feb	Help students cope with the cost of living by increasing student loan living allowances, increasing student loan limits, and continuing to enhance student finance programs	n/a		c
18-Feb	Extend the commitment to limit annual tuition increases to the rate of inflation	\$120,000,000		
19-Feb	Improve affordability of graduate student programs to facilitate research and commercialization and to foster creativity	\$11,000,000		
19-Feb	Creating an enterprise fund that would attract private and institutional venture capital funds	??????		g
19-Feb	Developing commercial technology applications in alternative energy, agriculture, medical research, information communication technology, nanotechnology and life sciences	??????		g
21-Feb	Implement workforce strategy including: timely recruitment and accreditation of immigrants; implementing an Aboriginal and Metis skills, training and labour force development strategy; and providing incentives to bring more Albertans into the workplace, including seniors and the disabled	\$108,000,000		
21-Feb	Diversify the agriculture industry into new markets and products, in conjunction with our value added strategy, including our bio-energy industry	??????		h
21-Feb	Improve the forest industry's competitiveness by: determining ways to attract greater investment, promoting innovation, clearly defining roles and responsibilities for government and industry.	??????		i
21-Feb	Create more opportunities for the forest industry by developing value-added products in bioenergy and carbon offsets	??????		i
21-Feb	Expand beyond conservation to water storage, connected use of ground and surface water, and water re-use	??????		j
21-Feb	Introduce incentives to industry to invest in research and in more efficient options for commercial water use	??????		k
21-Feb	Implement a Land Use Framework to look at the cumulative impact of activities, and integrate land management with air and water policies	\$20,000,000		

Total spending costed to date: \$878,000,000

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Total number of promises / Number of promises costed:	36/25
Number of uncosted promises:	11

 Denotes capital expenditure

Notes:

- a Covered under the \$20-million Energy Efficiency Act expenditure
- b According to PC Party platform costing: "Incremental capital and operating costs to be determined in Year 1"
- c According to PC Party platform costing: "To be accomplished within existing departmental resources"
- d According to PC Party platform costing: "To be funded through emissions penalties collected in the Climate Change and Emissions Management Fund"
- e According to PC Party platform costing: "Development processes will determine costing of incentives and tools adopted"
- f Covered under the \$156-million crime prevention funding
- g According to PC Party platform costing: "Alberta Enterprise Fund to be established"
- h According to PC Party platform costing: "Net cost impacts to be determined"
- i According to PC Party platform costing: "Net cost impact to be determined following consultation efforts led by the Forest Industry Sustainability Committee"
- j According to PC Party platform costing: "Any related capital costs to be determined"
- k According to PC Party platform costing: "Costs to be determined after consultations to be undertaken in Year 1"