
2023 EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION BC PUBLIC SERVICE

Compensation Philosophy

The executive compensation approach provides staff with a competitive total compensation package to attract and retain a qualified, diverse and engaged workforce that strives to achieve high levels of performance in delivering government services to the people of B.C. The compensation philosophy outlines the BC Public Service's objectives and guiding principles for compensation for Deputy Ministers, Associate Deputy Ministers, Assistant Deputy Ministers and Executive Leads.

Objectives

The objectives of the BC Public Service compensation philosophy are to:

1. Support and retain individuals who demonstrate the BC Public Service leadership expectations, values and competencies needed to achieve the objectives of government.
2. Attract qualified, diverse and high-potential individuals to the BC Public Service.
3. Support a performance-based culture by providing in-range increases to employees to achieve results and exhibit superior performance.

Guiding Principles

The following principles guide the design, implementation and administration of BC Public Service compensation programs:

- **Differentiation:** Differentiation of salary is supported where there are differences in the scope of the position within a ministry or corporate context, and/or due to superior individual or team contributions.
- **Performance:** Compensation programs support and promote a performance-based organizational culture.
- **Transparent:** Compensation programs are designed, managed and communicated in a manner that ensures the program is clearly understood by employees and the public, while at the same time protecting individual personal information.
- **Accountable:** Compensation decisions are objective and based upon a clear and well documented business rationale that demonstrates the appropriate expenditure of public funds.

Guidelines for Administration

Market Comparators

The BC Public Service has identified the primary competitors for talent as:

1. BC public sector organizations (including Crown corporations, the health sector, the education sector, community social services, regional governments, municipalities, and various other public bodies);
2. Other provincial jurisdictions and the federal government (excluding northern territory jurisdictions); and
3. The private sector.

Executive Compensation

The province's target position for executive compensation in the public sector market is to be from 3rd to 5th nationally amongst the provincial and federal governments. A determination is made respecting the appropriate ranking based on demographic and labour market trends, and economic variables.

Under the model introduced in 2008, the maximum attainable salary for BC Public Service Deputy Ministers and for Assistant Deputy Ministers is to be third among provinces and the federal government. Base pay for executives at that time included a salary holdback that was tied to leading human resources to corporate outcomes.

In April 2022, Executive Salary Ranges were adjusted and any executive below the new salary range was brought up to the new minimum. The maximum of the executive salary range was \$323,800 for BC Public Service Deputy Ministers and \$377,200 for the Deputy Minister to the Premier.

The maximum achievable salaries for executives under the framework approved by Cabinet in 2008 was set at 83 per cent of federal equivalent levels, which reflected the recommendation of a 2001 analysis by the consulting firm Watson Wyatt.

Internal Relativity and Differentiation

Base pay is typically set at levels within scope of comparable positions within the BC Public Service. Differentiation of base pay reflects:

- Differences in the scope, impact and responsibility of the work assignment in a corporate context;
- Recruitment and retention pressures;
- Emphasis on specific talent or unique skills that ministries require in order to meet service plan priorities;
- Relative performance in achieving work goals and objectives; and
- Relative experience in leadership roles.

Performance Based In-Range Movement

Performance based in-range movement provides the opportunity for Deputy Ministers to propose increases to their executives' salary over time, based on an annual review of their performance in their position. Performance based in-range increases are not an annual entitlement but are earned by demonstrating good and superior performance during the performance period and in the absence of government expenditure restrictions. In 2022 executives were provided with performance-based compensation adjustments between 4% and 6%.

Leave Provisions

Deputy Ministers and Associate Deputy Ministers receive one additional week of vacation supplementary to the leave entitlements provided to all excluded managers in the BC public service.

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Summary Compensation Table at 2023

Name and Position	Salary	Holdback/Bonus/ Incentive Plan Compensation	Benefits	Pension	All Other Compensation (expanded below)	2022/2023 Total Compensation	Previous Two Years Totals Total Compensation	
							2021/2022	2020/2021
Lori M Wanamaker, Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary	\$ 261,451	-	\$ 7,317	\$ 25,753	\$ 721,404	\$ 1,015,925	\$ 369,885	\$ 339,486
Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister	\$ 298,300	-	\$ 7,853	\$ 29,382	\$ 22,962	\$ 358,497	\$ 328,318	\$ 331,827
Barbara Carmichael, Deputy Attorney General	\$ 247,507	-	\$ 9,063	\$ 24,379	\$ 8,497	\$ 289,446		
Geoffrey Meggs, Chief of Staff	\$ 137,570	-	\$ 1,785	\$ 13,550	\$ 365,867	\$ 518,772	\$ 235,827	\$ 231,703
Shannon Salter, Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary	\$ 304,611	-	\$ 9,362	\$ 30,004	\$ 9,454	\$ 353,431	\$ 232,652	
Matthew Graham Smith, Chief of Staff	\$ 80,775	-	\$ 7,314	\$ 7,956	-	\$ 96,045		
Heather Wood, Deputy Minister	\$ 292,672	-	\$ 7,985	\$ 28,828	\$ 10,639	\$ 340,124	\$ 326,405	\$ 268,258

Summary Other Compensation Table at 2023

Name and Position	All Other Compensation	Severance	Vacation Payout	Paid Leave	Vehicle / Transportation Allowance	Perquisites / Other Allowances	Other
Lori M Wanamaker, Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary	\$ 721,404	\$ 591,089	\$ 125,887	-	\$ 4,428	-	-
Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister	\$ 22,962	-	\$ 16,000	-	\$ 6,962	-	-
Barbara Carmichael, Deputy Attorney General	\$ 8,497	-	\$ 8,497	-	-	-	-
Geoffrey Meggs, Chief of Staff	\$ 365,867	\$ 339,784	\$ 26,083	-	-	-	-
Shannon Salter, Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary	\$ 9,454	-	\$ 2,491	-	\$ 6,963	-	-
Matthew Graham Smith, Chief of Staff	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heather Wood, Deputy Minister	\$ 10,639	-	-	-	\$ 6,451	-	\$ 4,188

Notes

Lori M Wanamaker, Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary	General Note: Lori Wanamaker was Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary up to January 4, 2023. Payments include severance of 18 months salary (\$591,089), benefits (\$7,317), pension (\$25,753) and car allowance (\$4,428). The vacation payout includes 40 days for 2023 vacation, 14 days for 2022 vacation and 41 days of prior vacation banks that precede Bill 66.
Stephen Brown, Deputy Minister	General Note: Stephen Brown was appointed Deputy Minister of Health effective June 10, 2013. He was reappointed Deputy Minister of Health April 1, 2022 at an annual salary of \$298,178.
Barbara Carmichael, Deputy Attorney General	General Note: Barbara Carmichael was appointed Deputy Attorney General on October 31, 2022 at an annual salary of \$254,415.
Geoffrey Meggs, Chief of Staff	General Note: Geoffrey Meggs was Chief of Staff up to November 20, 2022. Payments include severance of 18 months salary (\$339,784), benefits (\$1,785) and pension (\$13,550). The vacation payout includes 11 days for 2022 vacation and 20 days for 2021 vacation.
Shannon Salter, Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary	General Note: Shannon Salter was appointed Deputy Attorney General effective February 15, 2022 at an annual salary of \$270,500. Shannon Salter was appointed Deputy Minister to the Premier & Cabinet Secretary November 18, 2022 at an annual salary of \$325,000.
Matthew Graham Smith, Chief of Staff	General Note: Matthew Graham Smith was hired as the Chief of Staff with an annual salary of \$219,517 effective November 18, 2022.
Heather Wood, Deputy Minister	General Note: Heather Wood was appointed Deputy Minister of Finance effective November 26, 2020 at an annual salary of \$260,000. Heather Wood's salary was adjusted to \$292,552 effective April 1, 2022. Other Note: Taxable benefit auto