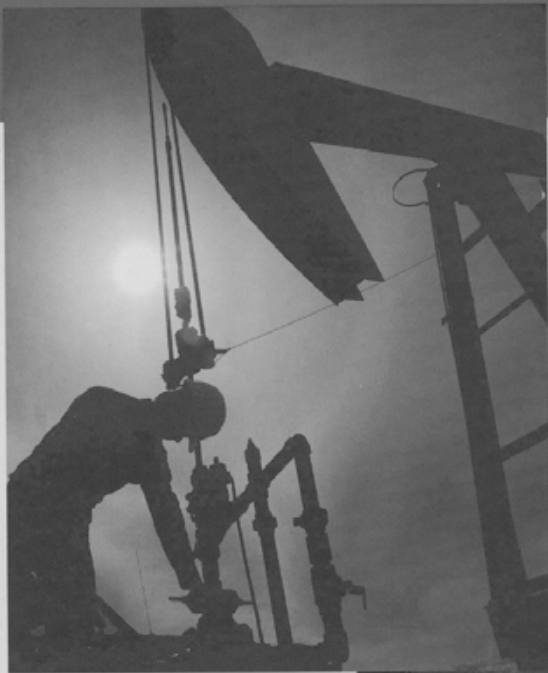


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I respectfully submit the annual report of the Ministry of Energy and Mines for the period of April 1, 1997, to March 31, 1998.

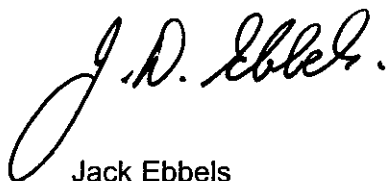
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Dan Miller
Minister of Energy and Mines
and Minister Responsible for Northern Development

Honourable Dan Miller
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Province of British Columbia

Dear Minister:

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Jack Ebbels
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Energy and Mines

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Ministry at a glance

In February 1998 the provincial government announced a split of the Ministry of Employment and Investment into the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Employment and Investment. This report, therefore, does not include the mandate, general responsibilities, organizational structure and activities of the Ministry of Employment and Investment.

The Ministry of Energy and Mines manages the province's energy and mineral resources for the benefit of British Columbians, including the regulation of the oil, gas and mining industries to ensure public and worker health and safety and environmental protection.

It also collects revenues generated by petroleum and mining activities in the province.

Highlights and accomplishments

The ministry was involved in numerous initiatives during the 1997/98 fiscal year. Here are the highlights and major accomplishments:

- revised the *Health, Safety and Reclamation Code* for mines in B.C.
- introduced the new *Mineral Exploration Code*
- reached agreement with Teck Corporation of Vancouver and the Japanese steel industry to extend the purchase of northeast coal until 2003
- provided grants under the Prospectors' Assistance Program to 47 prospectors
- streamlined natural gas royalty price calculations
- reached agreement with Royal Oak Mines Ltd. for development of Kemess and Red Mountain mineral properties
- participated in the opening of:
 - the Mount Polley copper and gold mine northeast of Williams Lake
 - the Golden Bear seasonal heap leach mines west of Dease Lake, and,
 - the Huckleberry open pit copper, molybdenum, gold and silver mine southwest of Houston.
- established provincial government-oil and gas industry initiatives to enhance conditions for more investment and job creation in the sector
- revised sour gas operating guidelines in B.C. as recommended by a committee made up of representatives of local government, industry and Peace region residents, and,
- reached agreement with Treaty 8 First Nations in northeastern B.C. to provide greater operating certainty for the oil and gas industry in that area.

Ministry overview and structure

Mandate

- To assist in creating jobs through the stewardship of the province's energy and mineral resources.
- To collect revenues generated by petroleum and mining activities in the province.

General responsibilities

- Manages the province's energy and mineral resources for the maximum benefit of British Columbians—including the regulation of the oil, gas and mining industries to ensure public and worker health and safety and environmental protection—by:
 - determining the value of the energy and mining industries' contribution to the B.C. economy
 - ensuring that the province's energy and mineral resources are explored, developed, transported and used in a safe, efficient, and environmentally sound manner
 - assessing and managing B.C.'s petroleum, natural gas, geothermal energy and mineral resources
 - pursuing legislative reform to solve regulatory challenges, to better integrate provincial policies and to reduce regulatory and administrative burden on the oil, gas and mineral industries
 - issuing and administering title to Crown oil, gas and geothermal rights
 - maintaining title registries for oil, gas and geothermal resources
- participating in energy and mineral industry forums to inform major stakeholders of provincial interests and policies, and to receive feedback from industries
- participating in provincial land-use planning and policy initiatives to ensure energy and mineral interests are represented
- ensuring that energy and mineral interests are addressed in aboriginal treaty negotiations
- working with First Nations to recognize treaty and aboriginal rights in the regulation of oil and gas operations
- working on relationship building exercises to ensure First Nations, industry and the ministry can resolve issues in a timely manner
- administering the provincial government's participation in the Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline project
- representing B.C.'s interest at National Energy Board hearings on provincial developments and issues and providing information on provincial energy policy to the BC Utilities Commission
- developing and delivering policies, programs, and regulations that promote the economically efficient production and use of energy
- regulating oil and gas exploration and production activities
- stimulating grassroots mineral exploration by the provision of grants to prospectors

- regulating mine worker safety, mine reclamation practices, and administration of legislation relating to oil, gas, geothermal and mineral tenures
- promoting the marketing of industrial minerals in the province, Pacific Rim countries and Europe.
- Collects revenues generated by petroleum and mining activities in the province:
 - collecting royalties and freehold production taxes under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* on oil and natural gas production
 - assessing and levying taxes under the *Mineral Land Tax Act*
 - collecting taxes on mineral production under the *Mineral Tax Act*
 - issuing reassessments under the *Mineral Resource Tax Act*
 - collecting fees to recover ministry costs related to the natural gas industry and ministry costs related to health and safety inspection of mines and gravel pits
 - conducting cash bid auctions for petroleum and natural gas rights
 - collecting rental revenue from oil, gas and geothermal tenures, and,
 - collecting mineral title recording fees, lease rentals and various related charges.

Organizational structure

The ministry has three divisions and one branch reporting to the deputy minister:

- Energy and Minerals Division
- Revenue and Management Services Division
- Corporate Relations Branch, and,
- Communications Division.

- Energy and Minerals Division:
 - ensures that the province's energy and mineral resources are managed for the benefit of British Columbians.

It has six branches:

- Engineering and Operations Branch
- Geological Survey Branch
- Mineral Titles Branch
- Petroleum Geology Branch
- Petroleum Lands Branch, and,
- Mines Branch.

- Revenue and Management Services Division:

- collects revenues generated by petroleum and mining activities in the province and services the needs of the ministry's management and staff in the areas of:
 - ♦ finance
 - ♦ administration
 - ♦ personnel
 - ♦ information systems
 - ♦ information and privacy, and,
 - ♦ employment equity.

It has four branches:

- Finance and Administration Branch
- Human Resources Branch
- Information Management Branch, and,
- Resource Revenue Branch.

- Corporate Relations Branch:
 - manages and co-ordinates the Cabinet committee decision-making process and legislative program for the ministry, and the Crown corporations in the minister's portfolio

- co-ordinates all ministry materials and decision documents for Cabinet and Cabinet committees, including submissions to Treasury Board and Cabinet
- works with Treasury Board staff, Cabinet Policy and Communications Secretariat, and Cabinet Operations in scheduling all presentations to Cabinet committees and Cabinet
- maintains information and co-ordinates appointments of members to Crown corporations, agencies, boards, and commissions, and,
- manages and/or provides support for strategic and operational planning processes within the ministry and on key projects or corporate initiatives for the deputy minister and the ministry.

■ **Communications Division:**

- provides all communications, media and public relations, and issues management for the ministry
- executes a lead role with other ministries, agencies, and Crown corporations in co-ordinating and facilitating all communications activities through strategic communications planning and proactive implementation;

specific activities include:

- ♦ media relations
 - ♦ news releases
 - ♦ speeches
 - ♦ event planning and co-ordination, and,
 - ♦ advertising and marketing
- has similar responsibilities for all ministry programs and initiatives and provides strategic communications advice to the minister, the deputy minister, the Executive Committee, and program managers.

The following Crown corporations and agencies reported to the Minister of Energy and Mines effective February 18, 1998:

- BC Ferry Corporation—operates the province's coastal ferry system, and,
- BC Railway Group of Companies—provides freight and passenger rail services within the province, real estate development, telecommunications, and joint venture management.

Also on February 18, 1998, the Minister of Energy and Mines was appointed Minister Responsible for Northern Development to follow up on the recommendations of the Premier's Summit on Northern Jobs and Development in Prince George in October 1997 and the work of the summits' advisory committee.

Creating jobs

The ministry manages the province's energy and mineral resources for the benefit of British Columbians, including the regulation of the oil, gas and mineral industries to ensure public and worker health and safety and environmental protection

The ministry worked to ensure:

- the energy and mining industries make a substantial contribution to British Columbia's economy, and,
- the province's energy and mineral resources are explored, developed, transported and used in a safe, efficient and environmentally sound manner.

In energy resources, the ministry:

- assessed and managed B.C.'s petroleum, natural gas and geothermal energy resources:
 - administered the petroleum and natural gas tenure system through which Crown rights are awarded by competitive bidding—tenures issued are time limited, include exploration and development obligations, carry environmental protection caveats and require the payment of rents and royalties to the province
 - administered oil and gas tenures that covered 6,131,655 hectares and provided revenues from rentals and other associated fees totalling \$38,879,253
- awarded 683,028 hectares of oil and gas rights through competitive bidding and generated revenues totalling \$175,513,982
- approved 55 oil and gas projects and conservation schemes
- mapped and estimated reserves volumes for 61 new oil and gas pools
- revised maps of 259 existing oil and gas pools
- evaluated 453 oil and gas wells
- designated six new oil and gas fields
- maintained an inventory of provincial discovered and undiscovered oil and gas resources using geographical information systems technology and began adapting the system to perform broader ministry business functions
- implemented recommendations for reform of the Mediation and Arbitration Board under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*
- signed an agreement with the National Energy Board of Canada establishing a joint oil and gas database to eliminate duplication
- funded the monitoring of earthquake activity related to oil and gas activity in the Fort St. John area
- updated the *British Columbia Oil and Gas Handbook*
- processed 62 Energy Removal Certificate applications

- approved the Nova Gas Canada Ltd. (NCL) Taylor Straddle NGL Project under the environmental assessment process, and,
- participated in the environmental assessment review and approval of Canadian Hunter Ring gas plant expansion and NCL project.
- pursued legislative reform to solve regulatory challenges, to better integrate provincial policies and to reduce regulatory and administrative burden on the oil and gas industry:
 - worked with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and the Ministry of Forests in revising the *Forest Practices Code* to reduce the administrative burden, without impacting the environmental standards set down in the code
 - worked with the BC Transportation Financing Authority on the Sierra-Yoyo-Desan petroleum development road cost-sharing proposal
 - transferred responsibility for the *BC Utilities Commission Act* to the ministry from the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations, and,
 - enacted a new Petroleum and Natural Gas Storage Regulation to clarify application requirements.
- participated in energy industry forums and consultative processes to inform major stakeholders of the provincial government's interests and policies, and to receive feedback from industries:
 - participated in provincial land-use initiatives to ensure energy interests were represented
 - contributed to the approval support team for Fort Nelson and Fort St. John Land and Resource Management Planning processes and continued representation at these two tables and at the Dawson Creek Land and Resource Management Planning table
 - provided energy resource analysis for Land and Resource Management Planning processes in all other areas of the province as required
 - initiated pre-tenure planning process for the Prophet-Besa area in northeast British Columbia
 - initiated a study on the competitiveness of the province's upstream oil and gas sector
 - participated in the designation process for the Muskwa Kechika area and in the development of the Muskwa Kechika Management Plan, and,
 - held an information session on consultation procedures with the Saulteau First Nations, Kelly Lake communities and the Fort Nelson Indian Band.
- ensured that energy and mineral interests are addressed in aboriginal treaty negotiations:
 - provided energy and mineral information for specific treaty negotiations, and,
 - participated in information sessions to explain the ministry's business to provincial treaty negotiators.
- worked with First Nations to recognize treaty and aboriginal rights in the regulation of oil and gas operations:
 - participated with First Nations, other government agencies and industries in

- developing a special land-use plan in the Twin Sisters area
 - funded Saulteau First Nations to draft a land-use job description for a First Nations office
 - assisted Saulteau First Nations in accessing funds to complete a traditional-use study
 - provided financial assistance to Fort Nelson Indian Band to conduct a traditional-use study
 - revised consultation procedures with Saulteau First Nations based on trilateral discussions with the First Nations, ministry and the oil and gas industry
 - began trilateral discussions with the Kelly Lake First Nations
 - published an information letter clarifying First Nations consultation procedures, and,
 - worked with other agencies to co-ordinate First Nations consultation requirements.
 - worked on relationship building exercises to ensure First Nations, industry and the ministry can resolve issues in a timely manner:
 - participated with industry in the Energy and Mineral Forum hosted by the Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council
 - held an information session in Calgary for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen members regarding First Nations information and in Fort St. John for geophysical contractors
 - held a workshop on roles and responsibilities with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
 - attended traditional Kelly Lake First Nations camp with industry, and,
 - participated in Petitot Action Group—a group consisting of First Nations, industry and government representatives.
 - developed and delivered policies, programs, and regulations that promote the economically efficient production and use of energy:
 - analysed and announced the Port Alberni co-generation project—a 265 MW natural gas-fired project
 - issued \$3.2 million in natural gas conversion grants under the Clean Choice Program, and,
 - participated in the 1997 Power Smart Excellence Awards given by BC Hydro.
 - regulated oil and gas exploration and production activities by handling 450 regulatory applications involving drilling or producing wells.
- In mineral resources, the ministry:
- assessed, managed and promoted a greater understanding of B.C.'s mineral resources:
 - provided geological inventory to support development of mineral resources, improve the provincial government's stewardship, and help manage and protect Crown lands:
 - ♦ completed geological surveys and evaluations of under-explored frontier areas with development potential and areas with established mining infrastructure
 - ♦ completed a geochemical survey of the Mesilinka River map sheet in northern B.C., and,

- ♦ continued the five-year, multi-disciplinary, geo-scientific survey program with the Geological Survey of Canada in the Nechako plateau area
- initiated a new Geo-science Partnership Program with industry clients to improve B.C.'s geo-science exploration database—two partnerships were established in 1997
- continued the Eagle Bay multi-disciplinary project
- completed a five-year project that assessed the undiscovered mineral potential of the province at 1:250,000 scale
- delivered a terrain stability project in partnership with Forest Renewal BC
- prepared aggregate potential maps of the Okanagan Regional District
- delivered a short course on mineral deposits in the Cordilleran region at the Cordilleran Roundup
- initiated research to produce an earthquake hazard map for the Capital Regional District
- continued a study into the quality of coal in B.C. mines in partnership with the coal industry
- recorded/issued 24,413 mineral, 564 placer and 56 coal exploration tenures covering more than 657,000 hectares and issued six mining leases—seven placer leases and one coal holding lease
- processed more than 21,000 tenure transactions and updated more than 3,750 claim maps using the Mineral Data Administration System
- initiated a new three-year project to convert the mineral titles reference maps to a new format, including
 - 1:20000 digital topographic base and a grid datum shift from NAD 27 to NAD 83
- renumbered many sections of the *Mineral Tenure Act* when the *Revised Statutes of British Columbia 1996* came into force on April 21, 1997
- raised approximately \$43,000 in June 1997 when bidding for mineral rights reverted to Crown grants
- increased significantly, industrial mineral activity in B.C., in particular the dimension stone industry, due to de-regulation effected by the *Mineral Tenure Amendment Act 1995*, and,
- participated in Land and Resource Management Planning and Protected Areas Strategy processes to achieve land-use certainty to encourage investment by the mining industry.
- chaired a committee with representation from other ministries, the mining industry, labour unions and environmental groups to develop standards for mineral exploration activities and to streamline the permitting process for such activities. These standards were contained in a *Mineral Exploration (MX) Code* which now provides for the recognition and protection of other resource values when exploration programs are planned and undertaken. The *MX Code* has replaced the *Forest Practices Code* on mineral and coal tenures.
- participated in mineral industry forums to inform major stakeholders of provincial interests and policies, and to receive feedback from industries at the 14th Annual Cordilleran Roundup, Mining Week and the Annual Canadian Conference on Markets for Industrial Minerals

- stimulated mineral exploration by providing grants ranging from \$2,300 to \$10,000 to 47 prospectors
- issued Environmental Assessment Certificates with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks for mine developments under the *Environmental Assessment Act* for Tulsequah Chief and Willow Creek
- issued a Mine Development Certificate for the Line Creek Horseshoe Ridge Project and issued four major project approval certificates jointly with the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks
- regulated mine worker safety and mine reclamation practices, and administered laws relating to mineral rights and oil and gas tenures:
 - presented the Annual BC Mine Reclamation Award for outstanding achievement in mine reclamation to Cominco Ltd.'s Sullivan Operations for outstanding work at the Sullivan Mines
 - awarded citations:
 - ♦ metal mine reclamation to Highland Valley Copper
 - ♦ coal mine reclamation to Fording Coal, Fording Coal Operations
 - ♦ sand and gravel reclamation to Steelhead Aggregates, Dhillon Pit, and,
 - ♦ exploration reclamation to Homestake Canada, Eskay Creek.
 - chaired the BC Acid Mine Drainage Task Force, which co-ordinates provincial research into solving acid rock drainage problems and which assisted the national MEND program in hosting the Fourth International Acid Rock Drainage Symposium in Vancouver in June 1997
- managed the Reclamation Securities and Funds—all mines operating in B.C. must deposit money with the government to ensure that reclamation costs do not fall on provincial taxpayers (i.e., if a mining company goes bankrupt), where the value of security deposits in the past few years has increased to reflect more closely true reclamation costs: total value of securities held by the provincial government rose from \$10 million in 1985 to \$163.5 million as of March 31, 1998
- held the 35th Annual Mine Safety Awards
- held the Provincial Mine Rescue and First Aid Competition
- conducted 2,624 inspections:
 - ♦ 1,375 sand, gravel quarries, and rock inspections
 - ♦ 475 coal and metal mine inspections
 - ♦ 415 exploration site inspections
 - ♦ 252 placer inspections, and,
 - ♦ 107 other inspections
- completed one fatal accident investigation
- conducted six mine safety program audits, and,
- improved audiometric database program.

The ministry collects revenues generated by petroleum and mining activities

The ministry assessed and collected revenues generated by the administration of petroleum and natural gas rights and by petroleum, natural gas, and mineral taxes and royalties, as mandated under provincial legislation:

- collected royalties and freehold production taxes of \$74.8 million under the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act* on oil production from 964 wells, and \$134 million on natural production from 1,450 wells
- collected \$36.1 million under the *Mineral Tax Act* on mineral production from 40 mines
- assessed and levied taxes of \$738,800 under the *Mineral Land Tax Act* on 5,400 owners of title to minerals under 642,000 hectares of land—these taxes are levied on land for which the provincial government has granted ownership of one or more minerals, as opposed to renting rights under the *Mineral Tenure Act*
- received \$3.8 million from the bankruptcy proceedings of Westar Mining
- collected fees of \$3.7 million to recover ministry costs related to the natural gas industry and \$2.4 million for ministry costs related to health and safety inspection of mines and gravel pits
- revised methodology for calculating price of natural gas for royalty purposes to make it easier for government and industry to administer, to treat producers more equitably, and to eliminate potential for manipulation
- revised procedures for deducting reclamation costs for mineral tax purposes

to greatly reduce the frequency with which cost transfer elections must be filed by mine operators

- rewrote the mineral land tax assessment system to make it Y2K compliant—no vital computer systems are expected to encounter problems with the change of the century, and,
- issued a discussion paper on the alternatives to the mineral tax for placer mines and held consultations on the issue with representatives of placer mining associations in the province—extensive consultation and due diligence resulted in it not being tabled until 1998-1999.

Management services

The ministry carries out its mandate to create jobs with management support services in the areas of corporate relations, finance and administration, human resources, employment equity, information management and resource revenue collection.

Corporate relations:

- managed and co-ordinated the Cabinet committee decision-making process and the legislative program of the ministry and Crown corporations in the minister's portfolio
- managed and/or provided support for strategic and operational planning processes within the ministry and on key projects or corporate initiatives for the deputy minister and the ministry
- co-ordinated all materials and decision documents for Cabinet and Cabinet committees, including submissions for Treasury Board and Cabinet, and worked with Treasury Board staff and Cabinet Policy and Communications Secretariat in scheduling all planning sessions and presentations, and,
- maintained information and co-ordinated appointments of members to the ministry's Crown corporations, agencies, boards and commissions.

Finance and administration:

- implemented financial management and control systems
- managed facilities, telecommunications, vehicles and administrative records
- established an internet site allowing public access to the unique collections—historical mining reports, journals, and tourism, economic development, mining and energy studies—of the amalgamated libraries of the Ministry of Employment and Investment and the Ministry of Energy and Mines, answered more than 3,000 reference queries from across Canada and around the world and served more than 1,600 library visitors
- controlled expenditures, assets, liabilities, revenues, special accounts and funds
- reported on the ministry's financial status, and,
- operated various government companies.

Human resources:

In February 1998 provincial government announced the split of the Ministry of Employment and Investment into the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Ministry of Employment and Investment

The ministry:

- communicated government and ministry standards of conduct requests to all ministry staff; established an employee orientation program, including a new orientation manual using the ministry's Intranet

- led a joint union/management review of ministry contracts
- assured an appropriate safety committee, safety procedures and first aid attendants were in place with the amalgamation of the ministry's Victoria operations into a single building
- assisted with course design and training delivery for Windows operating system project
- managed job evaluation projects for ministry systems and communications positions as part of government-wide reviews
- supported employment equity initiatives by continuing to monitor and remove potential barriers to employment
- co-ordinated the ministry's multiculturalism initiatives, and,
- continued to manage workforce adjustment issues for staff affected by last fiscal year's staffing reductions.
- commenced testing of major computer systems for year 2000 compliance, completed a small systems inventory and initial compliance review, developed a year 2000 compliance project plan and began system revisions for identified changes
- processed a projected 155 Freedom of Information (FOI) requests
- developed and published the ministry's records management policies and procedures, and,
- completed processing of 2,000 boxes of unscheduled records.

Information management:

- completed the upgrade and migration of 500 ministry computer workstations in Victoria and Vancouver to a standard operating environment and single e-mail system
- provided comprehensive training for Windows95 and Microsoft Exchange to 475 users
- implemented a corporate file server model to improve security and retention of ministry records
- completed final conversion of Vancouver local area networks from Novell to the government-standard Microsoft Windows NT

Communications

Communications played a key role in implementing the ministry's mandate.

The ministry:

- disseminated information through 38 news releases on many of the ministry's activities and accomplishments, such as:
 - revision of the *Health, Safety and Reclamation Code* for mines in B.C.
 - the introduction of the new *Mineral Exploration Code*
 - the agreement reached with Teck Corporation of Vancouver and the Japanese steel industry to extend the purchase of northeast coal until 2003
 - the provision of grants under the Prospectors' Assistance Program to 47 prospectors
 - the streamlining of natural gas royalty price calculations
 - the agreement reached with Royal Oak Mines Ltd. for development of Kemess and Red Mountain mineral properties
 - the participation in the opening of:
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- the provincial government-oil and gas industry initiatives to enhance conditions for more investment and job creation in the sector
- the revision of sour gas operating guidelines in B.C. as recommended by a committee made up of representatives of local government, industry and Peace Region residents, and,
- the agreement reached with Treaty 8 First Nations in northeastern B.C. to provide greater operating certainty for the oil and gas industry in that area.
- provided oversight for the communications plans of boards and commissions reporting to the minister
- provided communications support for various ministry programs and projects and arranged special events, and,
- drafted speeches, arranged news conferences and media interviews, produced ministry publications and assisted other agencies and commissions in producing their publications.

Legislation

Legislation administered by the ministry:

- *British Columbia Railway Act*
- *Coal Act*
- *Economic Development Electricity Rate Act*
- *Energy Efficiency Act*
- *Ferry Corporation Act*
- *Fort Nelson Indian Reserve Minerals Revenue Sharing Act*
- *Gas Utility Act*
- *Geothermal Resources Act*
- *Health, Safety and Reclamation Code for Mines in B.C.*
- *Indian Reserve Mineral Resource Act*
- *Mineral Land Tax Act*
- *Mineral Tax Act*
- *Mineral Tenure Act*
- *Mines Act*
- *Mining Right of Way Act*
- *Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources Act*
- *Natural Gas Price Act*
- *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*
- *Petroleum and Natural Gas (Vancouver Island Railway Lands) Act*
- *Petroleum Corporation Repeal Act*
- *Pipeline Act, Part 7 only, and,*
- *Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Act.*

Ministry expenditure summary

Unaudited and includes Ministry of Employment of Investment, of which the Ministry of Energy and Mines was a part until February 18, 1998

Expenditures \$ in thousands

| | |
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| Minister's Office (Vote 24) | 323 |
| Ministry Operations (Vote 25) | |
| Corporate Services (net of recoveries) | 17,248 |
| Economic Development | 12,429 |
| BC Trade and Investment Office (net of recoveries) | 14,047 |
| Energy and Minerals (net of recoveries) | 20,160 |
| Kemess Mine | 40,358 |
| Reserves for Doubtful Accounts and Concessionary Loans | 10,929 |
| Contributions to the BC Ferry Corporation | 4,700 |
| BC Racing Commission (net of recoveries) | 0 |
| BC Gaming Commission (net of recoveries) | 3,771 |
| | 123,642 |
| Crown Corporations Secretariat (Vote 26) | 0 |
| Resource Revenue Sharing Agreements (Vote 28) | 810 |
| Statutory | |
| Interest on Revenue Refunds | 4,120 |
| Mine Improvement | 27 |
| Industrial Incentive Fund | 50,000 |
| Williston Reservoir Compensation Costs | 835 |
| Fort Nelson, Blueberry-Doig Indian Band Lands | 144 |
| Special Accounts— | |
| Build BC | 4,716 |
| Vancouver Island Natural Gas Pipeline Assistance | 2,100 |
| Special Fund— | |
| Natural Resource Community Fund | 10,470 |
| Less transfer from Vote 25 to the Build BC Special Account | (4,985) |
| Less transfer from the Natural Resource Community Fund Special Fund to the General Account | (10,471) |
| Less transfer from the General Account to Industrial Incentive Fund Special Account | (50,000) |
| Total Expenditure | 131,731 |
| Valuation Allowance | 577 |
| Tangible Capital Assets | (3,935) |
| Amortization Expense | 4,368 |
| Total Expense | 132,741 |