

# Business Plan

2022-23

MINISTRY OF CORRECTIONS,  
POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL  
FIREARMS SECRETARIAT

*Saskatchewan!* 

# Statement from the Minister



***The Honourable Christine Tell,  
Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety***

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I am pleased to present the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety's Plan for 2022-23.

In 2022-23, our government will focus on protecting Saskatchewan people through the remainder of the pandemic, ensuring citizens of Saskatchewan remain safe, promoting appropriate and effective policing, and supporting community and public safety services throughout Saskatchewan.

This plan outlines how we will support the Saskatchewan Growth Plan by building strong, safe communities and facilities. The 2022-23 budget will focus on core correctional practices through continued development of the remand expansion at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre, and the implementation of Electronic Monitoring Global Positioning System technologies for high-risk offenders.

Policing in the province will continue to evolve to meet the needs of all Saskatchewan citizens. We will build safer communities through effective policing and engagement with community partners. We will enhance public safety through targeted initiatives which include consolidating provincial peace officers into the Provincial Protective Services Branch, expanding the Crime Reduction Teams and Internet Child Exploitation Unit and supporting the Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team.

In close collaboration with partners, we will support safe and successful reintegration of offenders back into communities. This work includes education, skill-building, and employment-related programming. Successful reintegration will reduce the strain on courts and correctional centres by providing offenders with pathways out of criminal lifestyles. Our partnerships with community and Indigenous organizations will be critical to the success of these efforts.

We will support the newly established Firearms Secretariat as it develops and implements policies and programs related to firearms in Saskatchewan. We will also continue to support the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency.

# Statement from the Minister



*The Honourable Gordan Wyant, Q.C.  
Minister of Justice and Attorney General*

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I am pleased to present the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General's Plan for 2022-23. Government Direction and Budget 2022-23 is focused on protecting Saskatchewan people through the remainder of the pandemic, building the infrastructure that a strong economy needs, and growing Saskatchewan to help ensure a strong economic recovery.

This plan outlines how the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General will support Saskatchewan's Growth Plan by protecting the rights and safety of all individuals in Saskatchewan, and ensuring fair, timely access to justice.

We will increase access to justice through technological solutions such as videoconferencing and online options for resolving legal matters. Improvements to online services will help citizens navigate the justice system more easily through self-serve and remote options, including online dispute resolution. We will provide options to solve non-criminal disputes that are timely for the public and make efficient use of justice system resources. We will enhance our approach to criminal matters through use of prosecutorial agents in appropriate instances, and work to establish a Major Case Assistance Unit for the most serious and complex prosecutions.

We will continue to evolve policing through the implementation of a civilian-led Serious Incident Response Team that will investigate serious incidents involving police officers.

Strong partnerships allow the justice system to be safe, responsive, and fair. We will focus on building relationships to improve the way the justice system approaches interpersonal violence and culturally sensitive programming. We will expand early dispute resolution processes for families experiencing separation or divorce. Collaboration will support seamless service delivery and help advance the common goal of safe and strong communities.

# 2022-23 Budget Highlights

<p>1</p>	<p><b>Evolve public safety and protective services for today and in the future</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a Provincial Protective Services branch (\$50.7 million)</li> <li>• Enhance public safety through targeted initiatives:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• create a Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team to address illegal weapons, drugs, and human trafficking (\$6.4 million)</li> <li>• create a Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team to target dangerous offenders with outstanding warrants (\$1.6 million)</li> <li>• create four new Crime Reduction Teams in Meadow Lake, La Ronge, Lloydminster and Moose Jaw (\$3.2 million)</li> <li>• increase investments into provincial Internet Child Exploitation Units (\$220,000)</li> <li>• continue to support the Firearms Secretariat (\$2.6 million)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Increase financial support for RCMP and First Nations policing to provide for contractual increases</li> <li>• Fund the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (\$94.8 million)</li> </ul>
<p>2</p>	<p><b>Enhance partnerships to improve individual and system outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide pathways out of the criminal justice system that safely reintegrate offenders</li> <li>• Increase investments in community-based partners (\$629,000)</li> <li>• Continue to implement the Gang Violence Reduction Strategy</li> <li>• Expand the Aboriginal Courtwork Program (\$244,000)</li> </ul>
<p>3</p>	<p><b>Increase access to justice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop online legal information, processes, and dispute resolution tools (\$2.7 million)</li> <li>• Use prosecutorial agents in appropriate instances to increase efficiency (\$2.2 million)</li> <li>• Work to establish a prosecutorial major case assistance unit for the most serious and complex prosecutions (\$1.9 million)</li> <li>• Increase use of video-conferencing technology across the courts (\$1.8 million)</li> <li>• Provide early help to families going through disputes and transitions (\$158,000)</li> <li>• Continue to implement the civilian-led independent Serious Incident Response Team to investigate serious incidents involving police officers (\$360,000)</li> <li>• Increase funding for the Criminal Property Forfeiture Program (\$1.7 million)</li> </ul>
<p>4</p>	<p><b>Focus on Correctional Services fundamentals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build a Saskatoon Remand Centre (\$27 million)</li> <li>• Implement more efficient and effective models of bail supervision, such as electronic monitoring to target violent or high-risk offenders (\$1.4 million)</li> <li>• Support safe and successful reintegration of offenders by developing pathways and partnerships that focus on education and employment programming</li> </ul>

# Response to Government Direction

*Saskatchewan is back on track.* The Government of Saskatchewan is protecting and strengthening our province, carefully managing spending while investing in priority programs and services and into a strong and growing economy. Government is helping build a better Saskatchewan, investing in needed infrastructure – hospitals, schools, highways and municipal and crown capital projects.

Saskatchewan’s financial picture is improving, with a fiscal plan to return the budget to balance. The resurgent economy helps ensure the services, programs and infrastructure Saskatchewan people value are sustainable today and into the future. Saskatchewan is back on track.

## Saskatchewan’s Vision

***“...to be the best place in Canada – to live, to work, to start a business, to get an education, to raise a family and to build a life.”***

>> Government Goals

A Strong Economy

Strong Communities

Strong Families

Saskatchewan’s vision and three goals provide the strategic direction for organizations to align their programs and services to build a strong Saskatchewan.

All organizations will report on progress in their 2022-23 annual reports.

## Mandate Statements

### ***Justice and Attorney General***

The Ministry of Justice and Attorney General provides access to quality justice services that respect the rule of law and protect the rights of all individuals in Saskatchewan; promotes safe and secure communities; and provides legal and justice policy advice to government.

### ***Corrections, Policing and Public Safety***

The Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety provides supervision and rehabilitation services for adult and young offenders; promotes appropriate and effective policing; and supports community and public safety services throughout Saskatchewan.

### ***Firearms Secretariat***

Saskatchewan Firearms Secretariat supports the Chief Firearms Officer in the performance of duties imposed by the *Firearms Act* (Canada), and in the promotion of the safe and lawful use and storage of firearms by the citizens of Saskatchewan.

### ***Integrated Justice Services***

Integrated Justice Services supports the objectives of the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General and the Firearms Secretariat and responds to the safety and well-being needs of communities.

## Goal 1: Evolve public safety and protective services for today and in the future

Public safety and protective services in Saskatchewan will continue to evolve to meet the needs of all Saskatchewan citizens and support community safety. The ministries will work to prevent crime, make appropriate interventions, and hold offenders accountable. Through continuous improvement and innovation, Saskatchewan's public safety and protective services will meet the needs of the province now and in the future.

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**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

### Enhance public safety through targeted policing initiatives

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Create a Saskatchewan Trafficking Response Team to target offenders who transport illegal drugs and weapons into the province, and combat human trafficking
- Create a Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team to target dangerous offenders with outstanding warrants so they are brought to justice before they commit further crimes
- Create new Crime Reduction Teams in Meadow Lake, La Ronge, Lloydminster and Moose Jaw, adding to the five teams already operating in the province
- Increase investments into provincial Internet Child Exploitation Units

**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

### Structure services to better support safe communities

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Establish the Provincial Protective Services Branch
- Continue to support the Firearms Secretariat
- Fund the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency

## Goal 2: Enhance partnerships to improve individual and system outcomes

Strong partnerships enable the justice system to be safe, responsive, and fair. Collaboration will support seamless service delivery and help advance the goal of safe and strong communities. Interpersonal violence and culturally sensitive programming will be a focus for building relationships that strengthen the justice system overall. As a key initiative, the ministries will partner with the community and Indigenous organizations to provide pathways out of the criminal justice system. This work will reduce system strain, strengthen communities, and support public safety.

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**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

### Partner with the community and Indigenous organizations to provide pathways out of the criminal justice system

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Develop community and Indigenous led, culturally-focused programs
- Expand the Aboriginal Courtwork Program to include more family courtwork services
- Expand the Police and Crisis teams in Saskatoon to further enhance police responses to mental health crises

**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

**Support reintegration through tailored programming for safe transitions**

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Establish the Back-to-Basics program to provide female offenders with safe and successful reintegration into communities
- Continue the Gang Violence Reduction Strategy to enhance community safety
- Continue to provide wellness and reintegration programming to offenders, including:
  - mental health and addictions resources;
  - cognitive behavioural therapy;
  - employment and education programming;
  - chaplaincy services; and
  - cultural and Indigenous-led support.

**Performance Measures:**

- Reduce readmission rates for released offenders
- Increase the number of initiatives with community and Indigenous partners

### **Goal 3: Increase access to justice**

The ministries will improve access to justice through online services that focus on resolving non-criminal disputes quickly and using resources effectively. Citizens will be provided with electronic and remote options, such as online dispute resolution, that allow them to navigate the justice system more easily. Fair and timely prosecution processes will be enhanced. As part of its mission to contribute to safe communities and families in Saskatchewan, the ministries will continue to support programs and services that assist families going through transition.

**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

**Advance new processes to prevent and resolve disputes supported by online information and dispute resolution tools**

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Provide user-friendly information online that helps citizens understand resolution options
- Introduce an online dispute resolution platform
- Allow citizens to resolve traffic tickets without coming to court
- Simplify resolving consumer disputes

**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

**Provide fair and timely processes**

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Increase use of video-conferencing technology across the courts
- Continue to modernize information technology systems
- Use prosecutors' agents to enhance prosecution efforts and capacity
- Work to establish a Major Case Assistance Unit to support complex prosecutions
- Continue to implement a civilian-led independent Serious Incident Response Team to investigate serious incidents involving police officers
- Increase funding for the Criminal Property Forfeiture Program to enhance its investigative ability

**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

**Support family justice needs**

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Expand early dispute resolution processes for families experiencing separation/divorce
- Provide ongoing support through Family Justice Services and the Dispute Resolution Office
- Assist families through Family Intervention Rapid Support Teams

**Performance Measures:**

- Increase in user access to online dispute resolution and service delivery platforms
- Increase in the percentage of appearances by video conferencing
- Increase citizens' access to services that address interpersonal violence and abuse

## Goal 4: Focus on correctional services fundamentals

The ministries will support strong, safe communities and facilities by focusing on correctional service fundamentals. Initiatives include construction of a remand centre at the Saskatoon Provincial Correctional Centre, exploring new models of bail supervision and implementing electronic monitoring of high-risk offenders. The ministries will maintain and enhance programming that supports safe and successful reintegration of offenders through education, skill-building, and employment opportunities.

**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

**Ensure safe and appropriate facilities for inmates and staff**

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Build a Saskatoon Remand Centre
- Continue mental health training for staff
- Integrate occupational health and safety officers within facilities

**Strategy:** *The approach we will take to achieve our goal*

**Explore and implement more efficient and effective models of bail supervision**

**Key Actions:** *What we will do to get there*

- Explore technology that enhances the efficiency of bail supervision
- Enable GPS electronic monitoring of high-risk, violent offenders
- Continue to support safe and successful reintegration of offenders through education, skill-building and employment programming

**Performance Measures:**

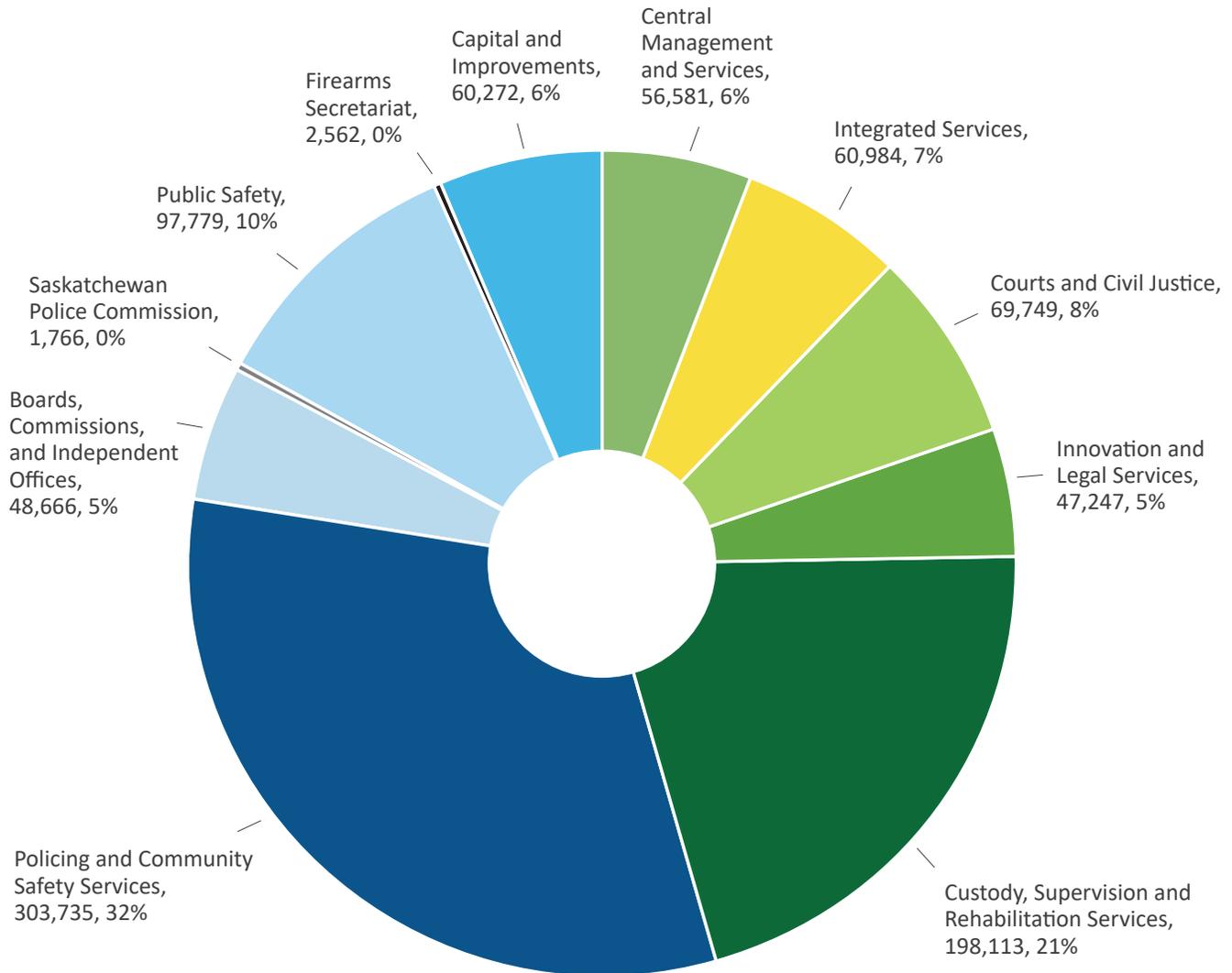
- Reduce violent events in our facilities
- Reduce staff injuries

# Financial Summary

<b>Justice System 2022-23 Estimates</b> <i>(in thousands of dollars)</i>	
Central Management and Services (JU01; CP01; IJ01)	\$56,581
Integrated Services (IJ02)	\$60,984
Courts and Civil Justice (JU03)	\$69,749
Innovation and Legal Services (JU04)	\$47,247
Custody, Supervision and Rehabilitation Services (CP13)	\$198,113
Policing and Community Safety Services (CP15)	\$303,735
Boards, Commissions and Independent Offices (JU08)	\$48,666
Saskatchewan Police Commission (CP12)	\$1,766
Public Safety (CP06)	\$97,779
Firearms Secretariat (FS01)	\$2,562
Capital and Improvements (IJ03)	\$60,272
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$947,454</b>
Capital Asset Acquisition	-\$59,522
Non-Appropriated Expense Adjustment	\$9,995
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$897,927</b>

For more information, see the Budget Estimates at: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/budget>

## Justice System 2022-23 Estimates



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### Links to More Information

Please visit the ministry and Firearms Secretariat websites at:

[Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety](#)

[Ministry of Justice and Attorney General](#)

[Firearms Secretariat](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan Budget, Planning and Reporting](#)