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## Alberta government pre-election spending spree tops \$1.2-billion

- **Taxpayers Federation compiles 11 day pre-election Spend-O-Meter**

[Pre-election Spend-O-Meter \(January 31, 2008\)](#)

[Spend-O-Meter \(February 1, 2008\)](#)

**EDMONTON:** The Canadian Taxpayers Federation (CTF) today released an eleven day compilation of spending announcements from the Alberta government totalling \$1,259,695,435.

"Announcing nearly \$1.3-billion in new spending over eleven days works out to \$115-million per day or \$4.7-million every single hour," stated CTF-Alberta director Scott Hennig.

"Politicians of all stripes tend to pork-barrel right before an election, but this dollar amount is unprecedented in Alberta," continued Hennig.

In the two weeks leading-up to the 2004 election spending announcements roughly totalling \$89-million were made and in 2001 it was \$136-million (not including the \$852-million natural gas rebate to Albertans).

"Albertans expect this type of politicking from Federal Liberals, not a so-called 'conservative' government in Alberta," concluded Hennig. "This government should be ashamed of their reckless spending levels; already the highest per capita in Canada."

The CTF's 2008 Pre-Election Spend-O-Meter can be found on-line [HERE](#)

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What do you think is best way of recovering from economic downturns or recessions?

**Direct government aid including subsidies to businesses.**

**Lower personal and business income taxes.**

**Increased 'stimulus' spending.**

**Increase minimum wages.**

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