

# Deregulation: Mandate and Approach

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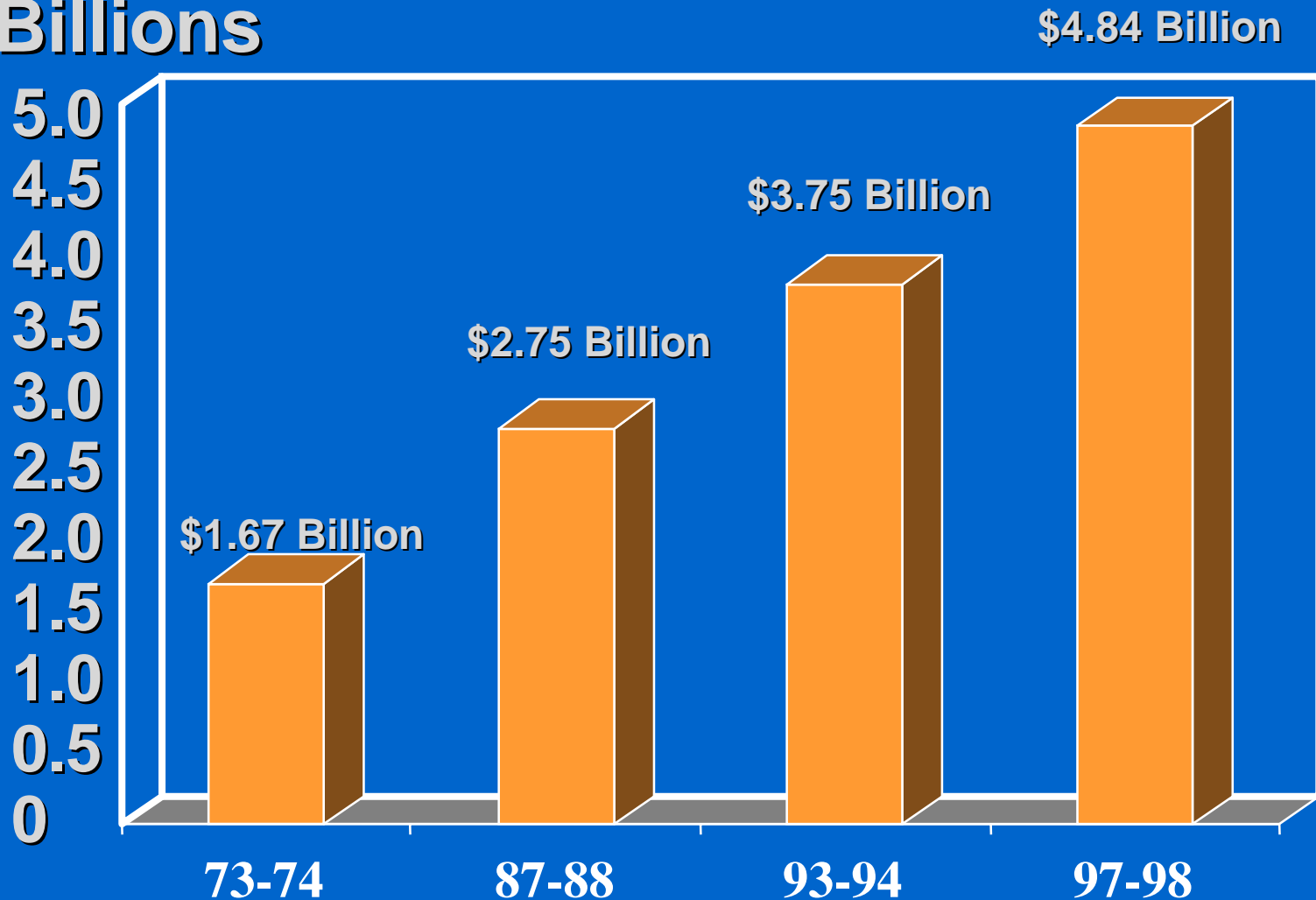
**Honourable Kevin Falcon  
Minister of State for Deregulation**

# Context

- **New Era commitment: cut regulatory burden 1/3 in 3 years.**
- **Red Tape = Hidden Tax.**
- **Second largest concern for small/medium sized businesses.**

# Regulatory Compliance Costs in British Columbia

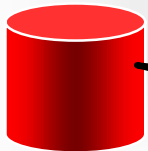
**\$ Billions**



# Regulations vs. Requirements

## Workers' Compensation Board

**9 Regulations**



Thousands of  
Regulatory  
Requirements



# Decisions For Cabinet:

- 1. Approve Definition of Regulation**
- 2. Approve Measurement of Regulatory Burden**
- 3. Approve Policy for New Regulation**
- 4. Approve Policy for Existing Regulation**

# 1. Approve Broad Definition of Regulation

## Definition to include:

- Regulations, legislation, interpretative policy & enforcement.
- Reform of existing regulation & cutting RED TAPE.
- Regulation of public sector & private sector activity.

## 2. Approve Measurement of Regulatory Burden

- **Count to include regulatory requirements.**
- **Count needed from each Ministry to determine a baseline.**
- **Ministries will be asked to provide a count within 45 days.**
- **British Columbia will become a leader by using a meaningful measure.**

### 3. Approve Policy to Control New Regulation

- **RIS Act repealed.**
- **Must meet new criteria.**
- **Criteria should apply to new regulation of private and public sector.**



# Approve Policy to Control New Regulation

- **New regulations reviewed for compliance with new Policy.**
- **Consider a moratorium on all new regulation that imposes significant cost and compliance burden.**

# Approve Criteria for New Regulation

- **Results-based/market incentives**
- **Cost-benefit analysis**
- **Harmonized and avoid duplication**
- **2 for 1 replacement principle**
- **Reverse onus**

# Approve Criteria for New Regulation

- **Sunset provision**
- **Transparency and plain language**
- **Competitive analysis**
- **Timeliness**

## 4. Approve Policy for Existing Regulation

- **Review all regulation.**
- **Priorities are regulations and programs with an impact on competitiveness.**

# Approve Policy for Existing Regulation

- **Identified with input from private sector and ministries.**
- **First step will be immediate action on the 30-day submissions.**

# Approve Structure for Review of Existing Regulation

- **Sectors make submissions to Red Tape Reduction Task Force.**
- **Task Force recommends industry priorities to Minister.**

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- **Ministers prepare plans for 1/3 reduction over 3 years.**
- **Minister of State for Deregulation advises on priorities and tracks Implementation.**

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