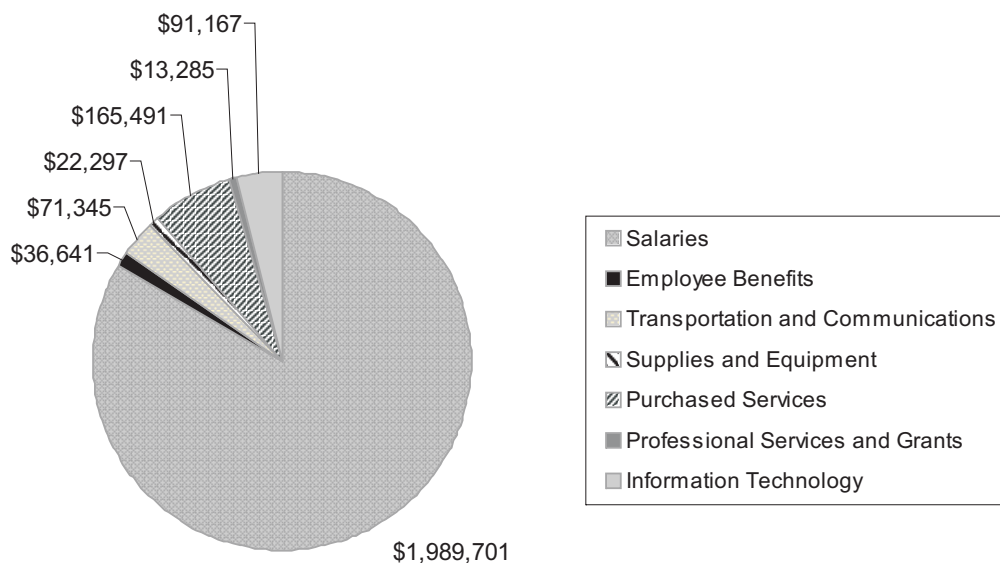


### 5.1 Expenditure of the Office

The gross expenditure of the Office totalled \$2.39 million for the year ended 31 March 2005. The Office operated within the budget provided by the Commission of Internal Economy and approved by the Legislature. Information on the total expenditure of the Office for the year ended 31 March 2005 is presented in Figure 2.

**Figure 2**

#### Expenditure of the Office Year Ended 31 March 2005



Approximately 90% of the Office's total expenditure relates to non-discretionary spending for such items as salaries, rent, equipment rental and telephone. As a result, the Office has a very small amount of discretionary spending.

In accordance with Section 33 of the *Auditor General Act*, estimates for the Office of the Auditor General are approved by the Commission of Internal Economy for inclusion in the Estimates of the Province. Section 32 of the *Act* requires that the accounts of the Office be audited annually by an independent public accountant appointed by the Commission. At the time of preparation of this Report, an independent auditor had not been appointed to audit the financial statements of the Office. Therefore, the financial information included in this Report is the information included in Volume III of the Public Accounts of the Province along with other accrual information submitted by our Office to the Office of the Comptroller

General as part of the preparation of the Public Accounts. When an independent auditor has been appointed and has performed an audit of this information, the audited financial statements will be presented to the Speaker for tabling in the House of Assembly.

### **5.2 Financial Statements**

The following are the unaudited financial statements for the Office for the year ended 31 March 2005.