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## Premier's Accountability Statement



The Office of the Premier 2023/24 – 2025/26 Service Plan was prepared under my direction in accordance with the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act*. I am accountable for the basis on which the plan has been prepared.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Eby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Honourable David Eby  
Premier  
February 15, 2023

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## Strategic Direction

In 2023/24, the Government of British Columbia will continue our work to make life better for people in B.C., improve the services we all rely on, and ensure a sustainable province for future generations. Government will focus on building a secure, clean, and fair economy, and a province where everyone can find a good home – whether in a rural area, in a city, or in an Indigenous community. B.C. will continue working toward true and meaningful reconciliation by supporting opportunities for Indigenous Peoples to be full partners in a prosperous province. The policies, programs and projects developed over the course of this service plan period will focus on results that people can see and feel in four key areas: attainable and affordable housing, strengthened health care, safer communities, and a secure, clean, and fair economy that can withstand global economic headwinds.

This 2023/24 service plan outlines how the Office of the Premier (the Office) will support the government’s priorities and action items identified in the mandate letters issued by the Premier to ministers and parliamentary secretaries in December 2022.

## Purpose of the Office of the Premier

The Premier serves as the President of the Executive Council (Cabinet) of the Government of British Columbia. The Office of the Premier assists the Premier in overseeing and leading government. In addition, it supports the Cabinet decision-making process. As a central agency, the Office facilitates effective policy coordination across the public service and ensures a strategic and corporate level approach is undertaken on the development and implementation of key priorities. The Premier is advised by the Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service on matters of public policy and management and operational issues. The Office of the Premier:

- Articulates government’s goals, commitments, and priorities through minister mandate letters, and works with ministries and Crown agencies to ensure communication of those goals, commitments, and priorities and to track and monitor their implementation.
- Leads the public service and, with the Deputy Ministers’ Council, commits to be a top employer that maintains and enhances public trust, builds capacity, increases our competitiveness, and manages for results.
- Provides support for the operations and decision-making processes of Cabinet and its committees; and
- Works directly with the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, with governments in other countries and with all ministries and Crown agencies to ensure that relations with the federal, provincial, territorial, and international governments advance British Columbia’s interests.

# Performance Planning

## Goal 1: Establish government goals, commitments, and strategic priorities

### Objective 1.1: Establish government goals, commitments, and strategic priorities

Continue to ensure a government-wide focus on supporting and strengthening our pandemic-strained public health care system, responding to severe wildfire and weather events, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, delivering attainable and affordable housing, safer communities, and building a sustainable, clean, secure, and fair economy.

#### Key Strategies

- Set out the key goals, commitments, and strategic priorities of government.
- Assign responsibility for the delivery of these goals, commitments and priorities to ministries, central agencies and Crown corporations through mandate letters provided to Cabinet Ministers and/ or government organizations.
- Lead the Deputy Minister's Council.
- Supported by the Planning and Priorities Secretariat, determine the priority sequence for the implementation of government goals, commitments, and priorities, aligned with government's fiscal and delivery capacity.
- Monitor progress on implementing government's goals and priorities.

#### Discussion

As the head of government for British Columbia, the Premier is the first minister and chief officer of the executive branch, implementing the goals, commitments, and strategic priorities for government.

#### Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2022/23 Forecast	2023/24 Target	2024/25 Target	2025/26 Target
1.1 Number of members of Deputy Minister's Council that are meeting performance expectations	33	33	33	33

Data source: Deputy Minister's Office

## Goal 2: Lead the Executive Council

### Objective 2.1: Lead the Executive Council

Cabinet Operations supports the Deputy Minister to the Premier in setting out the framework for Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decision-making.

#### Key Strategies

- Assist and guide government ministries in the development of Cabinet Submissions, ensuring cross-government alignment with government commitments and priorities.
- Effectively provide the necessary and appropriate logistical support for the operations and decision-making process of Cabinet and its Committees.
- Ensure the complete, thorough, and accurate recording of Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decision-making.

#### Discussion

Cabinet committees and ministries provide prompt and effective advice enabling timely and well-informed Cabinet decisions benefiting British Columbians.

#### Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2022/23 Forecast	2023/24 Target	2024/25 Target	2025/26 Target
2.1 Cabinet received timely advice on all key public policy recommendations and plans	100%	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Cabinet Operations

## Goal 3: Foster Intergovernmental Relations

The Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat (IGRS) advances British Columbia's priorities through leadership in intergovernmental partnerships and international relations. IGRS is also responsible for Francophone Affairs and manages ceremonial and protocol activities.

### Objective 3.1: Create and cultivate a network of culturally respectful relationships and advance B.C.'s strategic interests.

#### Key Strategies

- Expand face-to-face engagement with the federal government at all levels, while maintaining current initiatives to advance B.C.'s priorities including healthcare, affordability, safer communities, housing, reconciliation, and sustainable economic growth and job creation. Work with provinces and territories to support this work in areas of shared interest.

- Support diversification and strengthening of our open B.C economy by developing international trade opportunities in line with the federal government’s Indo-Pacific strategy, including at least two trade missions to develop relationships and business opportunities in the next 18 months with a focus on clean energy.
- Strengthen partnerships with federal government and other provinces and territories through bilateral and multilateral cooperation on shared priorities discussed at First Ministers’ meetings, the Council of the Federation, Western Premiers’ Conference, and other Premiers’ meetings.
- Identify alignment and pursue opportunities to develop and strengthen bilateral relations with U.S. state and federal governments and promote B.C.’s interests and objectives through the Pacific Coast Collaborative, Cascadia Innovation Corridor, British Columbia’s participation in the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and other opportunities as they arise, including at least two trade missions in the next 18 months, focused on clean energy and export opportunities.
- Advance British Columbia’s priorities through strategic engagement with international partners Global Affairs Canada, the diplomatic community, and international organizations.
- Develop new opportunities with relevant Ministries to showcase B.C. businesses, services, and products internationally and across Canada to diversify and expand our trade relationships, supporting economic growth.
- Lead and coordinate the government’s diplomatic, protocol and ceremonial activities, and maintain relationships with the Consular Corps of B.C.
- Support government initiatives and partnerships to increase the Province’s capacity to provide information and services in French, and lead B.C.’s engagement with the Ministerial conference on the Canadian Francophonie.

### Discussion

Cabinet is informed on a regular basis on upcoming intergovernmental meetings and initiatives, including comprehensive strategic advice on engagement with federal and other governments.

### Performance Measures

Performance Measure	2022/23 Forecast	2023/24 Target	2024/25 Target	2025/26 Target
3.1 Progress on Key Intergovernmental Objectives	100%	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat



## Financial Summary

<b>Core Business</b>	<b>2022/23 Restated Estimates<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2023/24 Estimates</b>	<b>2024/25 Plan</b>	<b>2025/26 Plan</b>
<b>Operating Expenses (\$000)</b>				
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	3,479	3,668	3,690	3,690
Cabinet Operations	2,099	2,193	2,204	2,204
Planning and Priorities Secretariat	1,610	1,689	1,699	1,699
Executive and Support Services	7,504	8,495	8,531	8,531
Premier's Office	4,810	5,684	5,708	5,708
Deputy Minister's Office	2,694	2,811	2,823	2,823
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,692</b>	<b>16,045</b>	<b>16,124</b>	<b>16,124</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures (Consolidated Revenue Fund) (\$000)</b>				
Executive and Support Services	3	3	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

<sup>1</sup> For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2022/23 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2023/24 *Estimates*.

\* Further information on program funding and vote recoveries is available in the [Estimates and Supplement to the Estimates](#).

