

Office of the Premier

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Premier's Accountability Statement



The Office of the Premier 2024/25 – 2026/27 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, KC
February 6, 2024

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Strategic Direction

In 2024/25, the Government of British Columbia will remain focused on providing the services and infrastructure that people depend on to build a good life. Government will continue delivering results that matter to British Columbians including helping people with costs, attainable and affordable housing, strengthened health care, safer communities, and a secure, clean and fair economy. Government will continue working collaboratively with Indigenous Peoples as it implements the Action Plan for the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and delivers initiatives that advance reconciliation in ways that make a difference in communities throughout the province.

This 2024/25 service plan outlines how the Office of the Premier (the Office) will support the government's priorities and selected 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 of 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 | 2023/24 Forecast | 2024/25 Target | 2025/26 Target | 2026/27 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 Measure | 2023/24 Forecast | 2024/25 Target | 2025/26 Target | 2026/27 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, housing, affordability, safer communities, reconciliation, and sustainable economic growth and job creation. Work with provinces and territories to support this work in areas of shared interest.
- 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 at the Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie.

- 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 presidency of the Pacific NorthWest Economic Region and other opportunities as they arise.
- Advance British Columbia's priorities through strategic engagement with international partners such as Global Affairs Canada, the diplomatic community, international governments, and international organizations.
- In conjunction with relevant Ministries and partners, build relationships with key international jurisdictions that advance B.C.'s priorities, including but not limited to housing, reconciliation, and sustainable 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 Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie.

Discussion

Cabinet is informed of upcoming intergovernmental meetings and initiatives and is provided with comprehensive strategic advice on engagement with federal and other governments.

| Performance Measure | 2023/24 Forecast | 2024/25 Target | 2025/26 Target | 2026/27 Target |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 3.1 Progress on Key Intergovernmental Objectives | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Data source: Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

Financial Summary

| (\$000s) | 2023/24 Restated Estimates ¹ | 2024/25 Estimates | 2025/26 Plan | 2026/27 Plan |
|---|---|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat | 3,668 | 3,837 | 3,837 | 3,837 |
| Cabinet Operations | 2,193 | 2,293 | 2,293 | 2,293 |
| Planning and Priorities Secretariat | 1,689 | 1,772 | 1,772 | 1,772 |
| Executive and Support Services | 8,495 | 8,852 | 8,852 | 8,852 |
| Premier's Office | 5,684 | 5,932 | 5,932 | 5,932 |
| Deputy Minister's Office | 2,811 | 2,920 | 2,920 | 2,920 |
| Total | 16,045 | 16,754 | 16,754 | 16,754 |
| Capital Expenditures | | | | |
| Executive and Support Services | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2023/24 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2024/25 Estimates.

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

