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Minister's Accountability Statement



The Office of the Premier 2025/26 Annual Service Plan Report compares the Ministry's actual results to the expected results identified in the 2025/26 – 2027/28 Service Plan published in 2025. I am accountable for those results as reported.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "David Eby". The signature is stylized, with the first name "David" written in a cursive script and the last name "Eby" in a more blocky, capital-letter style.

Honourable David Eby, KC
Premier
July 16, 2026

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Purpose of the Annual Service Plan Report

This annual service plan report has been developed to meet the requirements of the *Budget Transparency and Accountability Act* (BTAA), which sets out the legislative framework for planning, reporting and accountability for Government organizations. Under the BTAA, the Premier is required to report on the actual results of the Premier's Office performance related to the forecasted targets stated in the service plan for the reported year.

Strategic Direction

The strategic direction set by Government in 2024 shaped the goals, objectives, performance measures and financial plan outlined in the [Office of the Premier 2025/26 - 2027/28 Service Plan](#) and the actual results reported on in this annual report.

Purpose of the Ministry

The Premier serves as the President of the Executive Council (Cabinet) of the Government of British Columbia. The Office of the Premier (the Office) 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 Ministry 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 in other countries and with all Ministries and Crown agencies to ensure relations with the federal, provincial, territorial, and international governments advance British Columbia's interests.

Economic Statement

Economic activity in British Columbia advanced in 2025, after modest growth in 2024, despite facing notable headwinds. Last year, homebuilding activity in the province continued at a steady pace, and lower interest rates and easing inflation supported household spending. Meanwhile, high uncertainty around the impacts of U.S. tariffs and significantly lower population growth tempered economic activity in B.C., and across many provinces. Overall, B.C.'s real GDP rose by 2.0 per cent in 2025, up from 1.2 per cent growth in 2024. B.C. was one of only two provinces that saw an increase in the rate of real GDP growth from 2024 to 2025. On an industry basis, B.C.'s economic growth in 2025 was led by real estate, rental and leasing; health care and social assistance services; mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; and construction.

B.C.'s labour market moderated in 2025, amid slower population growth and trade-related economic uncertainty. Total employment rose by 1.1 percent (+32,200 jobs), while wages and salaries rose by 3.1 percent. The unemployment rate averaged 6.2 percent in 2025, up from 5.6 percent in 2024, as labour force growth outpaced job creation. Despite rising last year, B.C.'s unemployment rate remained below the national average of 6.8 percent. B.C. housing starts totalled 44,193 units in 2025, down 3.6 percent from 2024, but remained above the 10-year historical average. Meanwhile, B.C. home sales activity declined by 5.7 percent compared to 2024, with muted demand contributing to a 2.9 percent decrease in the average home price. Inflationary pressures continued to moderate in 2025, reflecting slower price growth for services and subdued inflation for goods. Shelter inflation was the largest contributor to headline inflation last year but slowed substantially for both rented and owned accommodation compared to recent years. Lower gasoline prices, partly due to the removal of the B.C. consumer carbon tax, also helped ease headline inflation. Overall, B.C.'s consumer price inflation averaged 2.1 percent in 2025, down from 2.6 percent in 2024. Lower inflation and easing interest rates supported robust retail sales, which grew by 6.4 percent in 2025. On the trade front, B.C.'s merchandise exports remained relatively flat as markets adjusted to shifting global trade conditions. Overall, the value of B.C.'s goods exports edged down 0.1 percent compared to 2024 as increased exports to non-U.S. destinations were offset by a continued decline in goods exports to the U.S.

Report on Performance: Goals, Objectives, and Results

The following goals, objectives and performance measures have been restated from the 2025/26 – 2027/28 service plan. For forward-looking planning information, including current and future performance targets, please see the [Office of the Premier 2025/26 - 2027/28 Service Plan](#).

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 strained public health care system, responding to severe wildfire and weather events, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, delivering attainable and affordable housing, ensuring safer communities, and building a sustainable, clean, secure, and fair economy.

Key results

- Set out the key goals, commitments, and strategic priorities of government.
- The Office assigned 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.
- The Office helped to determine the priority sequence of and implementation of government goals, commitments, and priorities, aligned with government's fiscal and delivery capacity.
- Monitored progress on implementing government's goals and priorities.
- The Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service led the Deputy Ministers' Council.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

Deputy Ministers and Associate Deputy Ministers who sit on the Deputy Ministers' Council, met regularly with the Deputy Minister to the Premier to discuss goals and issues within and between their Ministries. All 39 members of the Deputy Ministers' Council met performance expectations.

Performance measure and related discussion

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Actual
1.1 Number of members of Deputy Ministers' Council that are meeting performance expectations.	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Deputy Ministers' Office

¹PM 1.1 targets for 2026/27 and 2028/29 were stated in the 2025/26 service plan as 100% and 100%, respectively.

Goal 2: Provide guidance and direction for Government of British Columbia

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 results

- Cabinet Submissions focused on ensuring cross-government alignment with government's priorities and objectives.
- Effective logistical support for the operations and decision-making process of Cabinet and its committees continues throughout the year.
- Cabinet and Cabinet Committee decision-making was accurately recorded.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

Cabinet Committees and Ministries provided prompt and effective advice enabling timely and well-informed Cabinet decisions benefiting British Columbians.

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Actual
2.1 Cabinet received timely advice on all key public policy recommendations and plans.	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Cabinet Operations

¹PM 2.1 targets for 2026/27 and 2028/29 were stated in the 2025/26 service plan as 100% and 100%, respectively.

Goal 3: Foster Intergovernmental Relations

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

Key results

- Supported the federal government on Canada's response to tariffs and trade disruptions while advocating for British Columbia's interests, through meetings with the Prime Minister and federal Cabinet as well as participation in First Ministers' strategic discussions on tariff response and led B.C.'s advocacy efforts with U.S. national and state decision makers, including securing strategic bilateral meetings with U.S. officials to defend British Columbia's interests.
- Championed British Columbia's key priorities including healthcare, housing, affordability, safer communities, reconciliation, clean energy, trade diversification, and major projects at multiple First Ministers' meetings, bilateral meetings with the Council of the Federation, and the annual Western Premiers' Conference, advocating for federal policies that both support and recognize B.C.'s objectives for clean, inclusive economic growth.
- Advanced British Columbia's international trade and investment diversification by supporting Premier-led missions to Japan, Malaysia and South Korea in June 2025, New York City in September 2025 and India in January 2026, developing opportunities in energy, forestry, agrifood and technology.
- Advanced B.C.'s international, cultural, economic and social objectives by delivering 72 meetings between B.C. elected officials and foreign dignitaries. These included 20 meetings with Consuls General and 19 meetings with Ambassadors or High Commissioners posted to Canada. Supported international engagements including regional roundtables with the Premier and ASEAN nations, the Mercosur countries, and the EU Ambassadors' delegation to British Columbia. Facilitated elected official engagement with commercial and government representatives at events including Web Summit and the EU CETA workshop.
- Implemented B.C.'s French language policy to enhance the Province's capacity to provide information and services in French in priority sectors including Health (e.g., 1 Bilingual patient navigator with the Provincial Health Services Authority), Justice (e.g., expanded Legal Aid resources in French), social services (e.g., supports for seniors and victims of gender-based violence) and led B.C.'s engagement with the Ministers' Council on the Canadian Francophonie.
- Strengthened bilateral relations with the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) and Local Governments by supporting over 100 bilateral meetings between the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities and UBCM members, coordinating town hall meetings, and the scheduling of over 650 minister-level and 300 staff-level meetings during UBCM Convention, all of which provided an opportunity for Local Governments to share their priorities and suggestions.

Summary of progress made in 2025/26

The Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat (IGRS) provided timely advice and support to the Premier and Cabinet in their engagement with the federal government, provincial/territorial governments, local governments, and other heads of state and governments. IGRS participated in planning and negotiations leading up to First Ministers Meetings and Council of the Federation meetings to ensure B.C.'s interests were represented in agendas, communications and created strategic alliances, as required, to advance priorities.

Performance measure(s) and related discussion

Performance Measure	2024/25 Actual	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Actual
3.1 Progress on Key Intergovernmental Objectives	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat

¹PM 3.1 targets for 2026/27 and 2028/29 were stated in the 2025/26 service plan as 100% and 100%, respectively.

Financial Report

Financial Summary

	Estimated (\$000)	Other Authoriz- ations ¹ (\$000)	Total Estimated (\$000)	Actual (\$000)	Variance (\$000)
Operating Expenses					
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	5,191	(111)	5,080	4,319	(761)
Cabinet Operations	2,465	(205)	2,260	1,983	(277)
Executive and Support Services	10,794	(322)	10,472	9,148	(1,324)
Premier's Office	6,534	(147)	6,387	6,353	(34)
Deputy Minister's Office	4,260	(175)	4,085	2,795	(1,290)
Sub-total	18,450	(638)	17,812	15,450	(2,362)
Adjustment of Prior Year Accrual	0	0	0	0	0
Total	18,450	(638)	17,812	15,450	(2,362)
Ministry Capital Expenditures					
Executive and Support Services					
Deputy Minister's Office	3	0	3	0	(3)
Total	3	0	3	0	(3)

¹ "Other Authorizations" include Supplementary Estimates, Statutory Appropriations and Contingencies. Amounts in this column are not related to the "estimated amount" under sections 5(1) and 6(1) of the *Balanced Budget and Ministerial Accountability Act* for ministerial accountability for operating expenses under the Act.