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Premier's Accountability Statement



The Office of the Premier 2025/26 – 2027/28 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 18, 2025

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Strategic Direction

In 2025/26, the Government of British Columbia will continue to prioritize delivering the services and infrastructure needed for people to build good lives in strong communities.

To support this objective, Government will focus on growing the economy, responding to the threat of tariffs, creating good paying jobs, improving affordability, strengthening health care and education, and making communities safer.

Government will also continue deepening relationships with Indigenous Peoples while advancing implementation of the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan.

This 2025/26 service plan outlines how the Office of the Premier 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 January 2025.

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.

Ensure a government-wide focus on responding to the threat of tariffs, strengthening our public health care system, responding to severe wildfire and weather events, advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, reducing costs for families including by delivering attainable and affordable housing, making our neighbourhoods and communities safer, and growing the economy by creating good jobs across British Columbia.

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.
- 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 Baseline	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Target	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target
1.1 Number of members of Deputy Minister's Council that are meeting performance expectations.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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	2023/24 Baseline	2024/25 Forecast	2025/26 Target	2026/27 Target	2027/28 Target
2.1 Cabinet received timely advice on all key public policy recommendations and plans.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Data source: Cabinet Operations

Goal 3: Foster Intergovernmental Relations with all orders of government

The Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat (IGRS) advances British Columbia’s priorities through leadership in intergovernmental partnerships and international relations. Serves as a key resource to the Minister of State of Local Governments and Rural communities supporting their work as a point of contact for government. 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 growing the economy by creating good jobs across British Columbia, reducing costs for families, strengthening healthcare, and making our neighbourhoods and communities safer. 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 trade diversification and economic growth.
- Work with the Minister of State of Local Governments and Rural Communities, municipalities, rural communities, regional districts, and First Nations to foster stronger relations with the Province.
- 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 order of governments – including local government and where applicable First Nations.

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)	2024/25 Restated Estimates ¹	2025/26 Estimates	2026/27 Plan	2027/28 Plan
Operating Expenses				
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat	4,838	5,191	5,191	5,191
Cabinet Operations	2,421	2,465	2,465	2,465
Executive and Support Services	10,118	10,794	10,794	10,794
Premier's Office	5,932	6,534	6,534	6,534
Deputy Minister's Office	4,186	4,260	4,260	4,260
Total	17,377	18,450	18,450	18,450
Capital Expenditures				
Executive and Support Services	3	3	3	3
Total	3	3	3	3

¹ For comparative purposes, amounts shown for 2024/25 have been restated to be consistent with the presentation of the 2025/26 Estimates.

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