



Business Plan

2023-24

Priorities and Planning

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Office of Priorities and Planning

2023-2024 Priority Actions in Support of Government's Business Plan

The Office of Priorities and Planning (OPP) works across departments to advance government's policy agenda by communicating and enabling the priority objectives of the Executive Council (Cabinet). It works closely with departments and agencies to translate government's priorities into policies, plans, programs, and initiatives intended to produce measurable results. OPP encourages and supports work aimed at improving our quality of life, growing our population, creating more and better opportunities for everyone, and supporting sustainable prosperity in all regions.

As a central agency OPP strives to modernize and support the system of government to better deliver solutions to Nova Scotians. It helps government deliver on its priority objectives by:

- Articulating and communicating government's ambitious policy agenda across the public service and to key stakeholders.
- Fostering alignment, engagement, and collaboration across the system to achieve priorities.
- Providing Executive Council (Cabinet) and Deputy Ministers with timely, accurate, and meaningful data, information, and analysis on which to base decisions, programs, and policies.
- Monitoring organizational performance and progress toward priority initiatives and outcomes.

Priority Areas

Strategic Support

In 2023-2024 OPP will continue to develop tools and services that enable the public service and its partners to understand, prioritize, and focus on solutions for Nova Scotians in government's priority areas. The office will provide policy information, analysis, and advice, and identify potential impacts to support government in realizing sustainable outcomes.

Strategic Foresight

Through strategic foresight initiatives OPP will drive a structured, systemic approach to planning for a better future. It will help government explore possible futures to inform innovative present-day policy and decision making, anticipate abrupt and unexpected change, and futureproof our province.

Projects & Initiatives

OPP will undertake projects and initiatives assigned by Executive Council and/or Deputy Ministers in 2023-24 that require system wide approaches and support the achievement of the priority objectives of government.

Alignment

To facilitate alignment and collaboration, OPP will play a secretariat role for various corporate strategic initiatives aligned towards government strategic objectives. It will work across the system to ensure policy and program initiatives are aligned with government's intended outcomes. It will continue to support, champion, and build horizontal and cross-departmental capacity.

Performance

OPP will continue to modernize and evolve how government monitors and measures progress toward priorities in meaningful and useful ways.

Budget Context

| Departmental Expenses Summary (\$ thousands) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| <u>Programs and Services</u> | <u>2022-23</u> <u>Estimate</u> | <u>2022-2023</u> <u>Forecast</u> | <u>2023-24</u> <u>Estimate</u> |
| Office of Planning and Priorities | 1,436 | 1,436 | 2,120 |
| Total - Departmental Expenses | <u>1,436</u> | <u>1,436</u> | <u>2,120</u> |
| Ordinary Recoveries | 177 | 438 | 177 |
| <u>Funded Staff (# of FTEs)</u> | | | |
| Office of Planning and Priorities | 8.5 | 7.4 | 12.5 |

Note:
For Ordinary Revenues, see Estimates and Supplementary Detail Book, Chapter 2
For TCA Purchase Requirements, see Estimates and Supplementary Detail Book, Chapter 1

