



BUSINESS PLAN

2024-25

Office of the Premier/
Executive Council Office

© Crown copyright, Province of Nova Scotia, 2024

Budget 2024-25: Business Plan
February 2024
ISBN 978-1-77448-569-9

Office of the Premier/ Executive Council Office 2024- 2025 Priority Actions in Support of Government's Business Plan

The Executive Council Office (ECO) leads the execution of government's mandate and ensures alignment of priorities through objective analysis and advice to the Executive Council (Cabinet) and its committees. ECO supports Cabinet by facilitating government's decision-making process, delivering clear direction to departments, developing and advancing corporate priorities and plans, and providing corporate leadership for agencies, boards and commissions. ECO also provides operational support to the Office of the Premier, operates the Nova Scotia Gift Bank, and includes leadership promoting citizen-centred and restorative approaches, collaborating with departments and community to ensure government's priorities are advanced and supported in the areas of strategy, decision-making, policy design and operations. Using citizen-centred approaches works to accelerate system level change and different ways of working to improve the wellbeing of Nova Scotians.

Priority Actions

Strategic Policy and Planning Advice

In 2024-25, ECO will work collaboratively with departments to ensure clear and concise submissions to Cabinet. This, coupled with the provision of strategic advice and recommendations, ensures the objectives of a proposal are clearly articulated and aligned with government priorities.

Corporate Leadership

As a central agency, ECO holds the responsibility to support, lead and strengthen corporate governance and accountability, and foster relationships with departments to promote citizen-centred approaches and build policy leadership and capacity across the public sector. ECO will provide guidance for departmental and crown corporation business planning and accountability reporting, develop initiatives and strategies to improve the appointments to agencies, boards and commissions process and ensure they are integrated into the overall priorities of government. ECO will continue to administer and manage the Corporate Administrative Policy Manuals, which are critical to the effective operation of government.

Support of Executive Council and its Committees

ECO provides secretariat support to the Executive Council and its committees and manages the Cabinet process to advance government's policy agenda. ECO will continue to develop and maintain effective tools to deliver and track essential information and ensure clear communication of Cabinet decisions.

Operational Support for the Office of the Premier

ECO provides administrative and operational support to the Office of the Premier, including business continuity planning, human resource, and budget management.

Budget Context

Departmental Expenses Summary (\$ thousands)

<u>Programs and Services</u>	<u>2023-24 Estimate</u>	<u>2023-24 Forecast – P9</u>	<u>2024-25 Estimate</u>
Office of the Premier/Executive Council Office	6,849	6,849	7,745
Total - Departmental Expenses	<u>6,849</u>	<u>6,849</u>	<u>7,745</u>
Ordinary Recoveries	30	5	10
<u>Funded Staff (# of FTEs)</u>			
Office of the Premier/Executive Council Office	47.0	46.2	53.0

Note:

For Ordinary Revenues, see Estimates and Supplementary Detail Book, Chapter 2

For TCA Purchase Requirements, see Estimates and Supplementary Detail Book, Chapter 1