



Business Plan

2023-24

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Executive Council Office**

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2023- 2024 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 and operates the Nova Scotia Gift Bank.

Priority Actions

Strategic Policy and Planning Advice

In 2023-24, 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 has responsibility to support and lead corporate governance and accountability. ECO provides policy leadership and ensures agencies, boards and commissions are integrated into the overall priorities of government. It will continue to administer and manage the Corporate Administrative Policy Manuals, which are critical to the effective internal operation of government and provide guidance for departmental and crown corporation business planning and accountability reporting.

Support of Executive Council and its Committees

ECO will continue to manage the Cabinet process and maintain effective tools to deliver and track essential information and ensure clear communications of Cabinet decisions.

Operational Support for the Office of the Premier

ECO provides administrative and operational support to the Office of the Premier. This includes business continuity planning and overseeing human resources, budgeting, and security.

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 the Premier/Executive Council Office	6,205	6,085	6,849
Total - Departmental Expenses	<u>6,205</u>	<u>6,085</u>	<u>6,849</u>
Ordinary Recoveries	30	10	30
<u>Funded Staff (# of FTEs)</u>			
Office of the Premier/Executive Council Office	44.0	40.9	47.0
Note: For Ordinary Revenues, see Estimates and Supplementary Detail Book, Chapter 2 For TCA Purchase Requirements, see Estimates and Supplementary Detail Book, Chapter 1			

