

BUDGET 2020

GOVERNMENT OF ALBERTA | 2020-23

Ministry Business Plan Executive Council

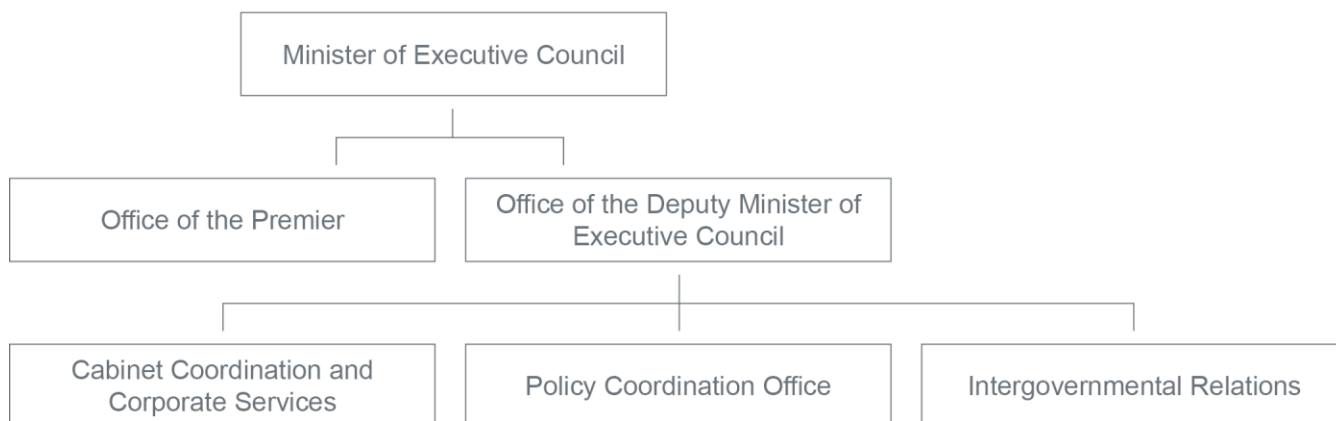
Executive Council

Business Plan 2020-23

Ministry Mandate and Structure

The ministry consists of the Department of Executive Council. Executive Council supports the Premier, Cabinet and ministries as they implement the government’s agenda. The ministry offers advice and guidance on legislative, regulatory and policy issues to Cabinet and Cabinet Committees, and collaborates with ministries to ensure that Cabinet decisions are implemented in a timely and efficient manner. The ministry also helps ensure Alberta’s priorities are advanced across Canada and internationally. This involves:

- providing leadership to the Alberta Public Service and government ministries;
- leading strategic planning, policy development and coordination for government;
- supporting the administration of government’s decision-making processes;
- leading interactions and partnerships with other governments within Canada; and
- planning and managing state, official and working visits involving Alberta government officials.



A more detailed description of Executive Council and its programs and initiatives can be found at: www.alberta.ca/executive-council.aspx.

The Ministry of Executive Council is committed to the ongoing review of programs and services to ensure that the best possible outcomes are being achieved for Albertans. As part of this ongoing review, the ministry is committed to reducing red tape to make life easier for hard-working Albertans and businesses. This includes reducing regulatory burden and unnecessary processes to encourage economic growth and job creation; and make Alberta one of the freest and fastest moving economies in the world. The ministry is committed to working towards achieving the one-third reduction in the number of regulatory requirements in statutes, regulations, policies and forms by 2023.

Ministry Outcomes

- Government’s agenda is implemented effectively in coordination with ministries
- Alberta’s priorities are advanced across Canada

Outcome 1

What We Want To Achieve

Government's agenda is implemented effectively in coordination with ministries

The Premier and Cabinet require objective, comprehensive and coordinated information to make, communicate and implement decisions. Executive Council supports government decision-making by providing advice and guidance on operations, policy and legislative issues.

Key Objectives

- 1.1 Provide advice and support to ministries to align policy and legislative proposals. Assist government to implement public policies, programs and services.
- 1.2 Provide advice and information to the Premier and Cabinet to support informed decision-making.

Initiatives Supporting Key Objectives

- Cabinet Coordination Office (CCO) is responsible for the organizational and administrative support to Cabinet. CCO provides strategic agenda-setting and development, facilitates information flow to decision makers, and communicates meeting outcomes. In 2020-21, the CCO budget is \$0.9 million.
- The Policy Coordination Office (PCO) works with the Premier's Office and CCO to support delivery of the government's policy and legislative agenda. PCO works in partnership with all ministries to develop policy options that align with the government's agenda and plays an essential quality assurance function to ensure that high-quality decision documents are provided to Cabinet and its Committees. PCO also coordinates the system to review and approve government regulations and provides secretariat support to Cabinet Committees. In 2020-21, \$2.9 million is allocated to PCO.
- Operations and Machinery of Government (OMG) works with all ministries to monitor and track the progress of programs, projects and issues across government. OMG also provides a corporate planning and support role for Executive Council and develops training, guides and orientation material for decision-making processes. The OMG budget is \$0.5 million for 2020-21.

Performance Metrics

1.a Performance Measure: Satisfaction of ministries with the services they receive from Executive Council

In 2019-20, the satisfaction rate was 82 per cent, based on survey results from January 2020.

TARGETS

2020-21:	85%
2021-22:	85%
2022-23:	85%

1.b Performance Measure: Average monthly unique visits by policy professionals to government’s internal policy development and coordination resource website *(Data collection for 2019-20 reflects the period April to December, 2019. Unique/first website visits are lower than targets as direct meetings with policy staff are now held more frequently and policy work has become centralized within smaller groups in some ministries).*

In 2019-20, there were an average of 308 monthly unique visits to the site.

TARGETS

2020-21:	1,000
2021-22:	1,000
2022-23:	1,000

1.c Performance Measure: Satisfaction of ministries that the advice and support from Executive Council assists the ministries in advancing the policy and operational mandates of the government

In 2019-20, the satisfaction rate was 72 per cent, based on survey results from January 2020.

TARGETS

2020-21:	85%
2021-22:	85%
2022-23:	85%

Outcome 2

What We Want To Achieve

Alberta’s priorities are advanced across Canada

Executive Council leads the coordination and advancement of Alberta’s priorities as they relate to other governments across Canada. The ministry coordinates Alberta’s leadership and participation within the Canadian federation and welcomes heads of state or representatives from other governments.

Key Objectives

- 2.1 Build and maintain strong relationships with federal, provincial and territorial governments, advocating for Alberta’s interests on issues of importance to Albertans.
- 2.2 Collaborate with other ministries to define intergovernmental strategies that ensure a coordinated and consistent approach to policies as they relate to other jurisdictions within Canada.
- 2.3 Collaborate with other ministries on timely and consistent reviews and approvals of intergovernmental agreements.
- 2.4 Collaborate with other ministries and jurisdictions to reduce red tape and barriers to internal trade. This includes reducing Alberta’s exceptions in the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, and working with other governments through the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table to reconcile existing regulatory measures that act as a barrier to trade, and cooperate to align new regulatory measures.
- 2.5 Promote the free flow of goods, services and labour mobility across Canada.
- 2.6 Lead the planning of key visits by heads of state or government, ambassadors and high commissioners, and national ministers to Alberta, providing an opportunity to develop new markets while showcasing the province to those visitors.

Initiatives Supporting Key Objectives

- Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) works with other ministries across the Government of Alberta to develop collaborative approaches and expand multilateral and bilateral partnerships. IGR also supports the Premier and ministers at intergovernmental forums and reviews all intergovernmental agreements. The IGR budget is \$3.7 million for 2020-21.
- The Internal Trade branch within IGR focuses on showing leadership and partnering with provinces and the federal government to reduce internal trade barriers. In 2020-21, \$0.8 million is allocated to the Internal Trade branch within the IGR budget.

Performance Metrics

2.a Performance Measure: Satisfaction of ministries with the services they receive from Executive Council to advance Alberta’s interests within Canada

In 2019-20, the satisfaction rate was 92 per cent, based on survey results from January 2020.

TARGETS

2020-21:	90%
2021-22:	90%
2022-23:	90%

2.b Performance Measure: Percentage of intergovernmental agreements reviewed within the designated two-week timeframe (Data collection for 2019-20 reflects the period April to December, 2019)

In 2019-20, which was the second year of data collection, 100 per cent of agreements were reviewed within two weeks.

TARGETS

2020-21:	100%
2021-22:	100%
2022-23:	100%

2.c Performance Indicator: Number of intergovernmental meetings (multilateral and bilateral) supported (Data collection for 2019-20 reflects the period April to December, 2019)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20
Number of intergovernmental meetings (multilateral and bilateral) supported.	176	187	183	110	94

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

(thousands of dollars)

	Comparable			2020-21 Estimate	2021-22 Target	2022-23 Target
	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Budget	2019-20 Forecast			
REVENUE						
Other Revenue	7	8	8	8	8	8
Consolidated Total	7	8	8	8	8	8
EXPENSE						
Office of the Premier / Executive Council	13,510	14,778	14,778	12,943	12,877	12,793
Intergovernmental Relations	3,894	4,841	4,743	3,701	3,701	3,701
Ministry Total	17,404	19,619	19,521	16,644	16,578	16,494
Inter-Ministry Consolidations	(4)	-	-	-	-	-
Consolidated Total	17,400	19,619	19,521	16,644	16,578	16,494
Net Operating Result	(17,393)	(19,611)	(19,513)	(16,636)	(16,570)	(16,486)
CAPITAL INVESTMENT						
Office of the Premier / Executive Council	-	25	25	25	25	25
Consolidated Total	-	25	25	25	25	25