



# ***BUSINESS PLAN***

***2024-25***

Priorities and Planning

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## Office of Priorities & Planning

### 2024-25 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 growing our population, creating more and better opportunities for Nova Scotians supporting sustainable prosperity in all regions and improving our quality of life.

As a central agency, OPP helps government deliver on its priority objectives of growing the population to two million people by 2060, increase annual gross domestic product (GDP) and continue to improve the standard of living, by:

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

In 2024-2025, OPP will work in the following areas to assist the system as it advances key priorities in Healthcare, the Economy and Healthy Communities.

#### Strategic Support

OPP will provide 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 assist government in realizing sustainable outcomes.

#### Strategic Foresight

OPP will apply structured, systemic approaches to planning for a better future. In 2024-2025 strategic foresight work will focus on population growth and help government explore possible futures to inform innovative present-day policy and decision making, anticipate abrupt and unexpected change, and future-proof our province.

#### Projects & Initiatives

In support of Executive Council, Executive Deputy Ministers, and Deputy Ministers, OPP will drive projects that require system wide approaches and assist in the achievement of the priority objectives of government.

#### Alignment

OPP will aid in aligning policy and program initiatives across government with intended outcomes. It will support, champion, and build horizontal and cross-departmental capacity by supporting the work of Executive Deputy Minister and Deputy Ministers, providing data and information, and planning opportunities to collaborate.

## Performance

OPP will continue to evolve and improve government's capacity to measure progress. It will continue to modernize and adopt digital solutions that allow government to monitor and report priorities in timely, meaningful and useful ways.

## Financial Summary

<b>Departmental Expenses Summary</b> <b>(\$ thousands)</b>			
<b><u>Programs and Services</u></b>	<b><u>2023-24</u></b> <b><u>Estimate</u></b>	<b><u>2024-2025</u></b> <b><u>Forecast</u></b>	<b><u>2024-25</u></b> <b><u>Estimate</u></b>
Office of Planning and Priorities	2,120	2,312	2,071
<b>Total - Departmental Expenses</b>	<b><u>2,120</u></b>	<b><u>2,312</u></b>	<b><u>2,071</u></b>
<b>Ordinary Recoveries</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>182</b>
<b><u>Funded Staff (# of FTEs)</u></b>			
Office of Planning and Priorities	12.5	10.9	12

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