

Results-based Plan 2006-07

Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs

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Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs Overview

The Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs (MIA) is a policy-oriented ministry that provides strategic advice and support to the Premier, the Minister and Cabinet on intergovernmental issues across Canada and relevant international issues around the world.

The ministry is organized to provide support in four areas: Canadian Intergovernmental Relations, Intergovernmental Policy Coordination, International Relations and Protocol, and Communications.

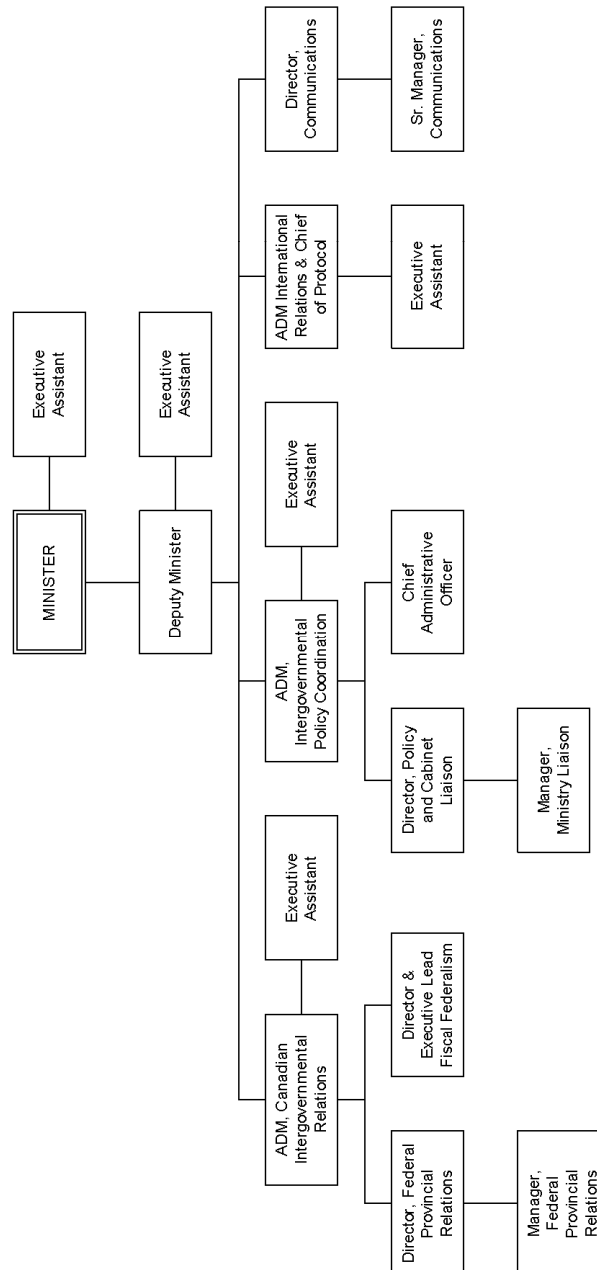
Canadian Intergovernmental Relations and Intergovernmental Policy Coordination Advice provide the Premier and Minister with advice and support to assist in bilateral dealings with the Prime Minister and other governments, as well as in multi-lateral forums such as First Ministers' Meetings, the Council of the Federation and other key federal-provincial-territorial and provincial-territorial meetings. This work focuses on policy analysis, intergovernmental negotiations and strategy to support the delivery of the government's key priorities. It involves working together with other Ontario ministries and other Canadian jurisdictions.

The Office of International Relations and Protocol (OIRP) leads the conduct of Ontario's relations with foreign jurisdictions, and co-ordinates official government events and ceremonies. It provides advice and service to the Premier, the Minister, other ministers and the Lieutenant Governor. OIRP works to advance Ontario's international objectives, which are principally economic, by building and supporting Ontario's relations with foreign jurisdictions, Foreign Affairs Canada and Canadian foreign missions, the diplomatic and consular corps, and non-government organizations with international activities.

The Communications Branch provides communications counsel and support to the Minister and Deputy Minister. Working in close cooperation with the ministry's senior management team, the branch identifies communications challenges and opportunities, develops strategies to address them, and delivers a broad range of products and services.

Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs Organization Chart

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Legislation

The Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for the following legislation:

- *Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs Act*

Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs)

- No agencies, boards or commissions report to the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs.

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Ministry Programs and Strategies

In 2006-2007 the Ministry of Intergovernmental Affairs will continue its constructive approach to intergovernmental relations. The ministry will work closely with the Premier's Office and other ministries to build and strengthen productive relations with the federal government, provinces and territories, our U.S. neighbours and other international jurisdictions, to contribute to a strong Ontario in a strong Canada.

- MIA will support the Minister in her dealings and negotiations with the federal government and other governments.
- MIA will provide strategic advice to the Premier as he works with Canada's other premiers in the Council of the Federation (COF) to increase cooperation among provinces and territories and improve services to Ontarians and all Canadians.
- The ministry will provide support to the Premier as he continues his leadership role in the COF to develop a pan-Canadian strategy on postsecondary education and training.
- MIA will advise and support the Premier and the Minister as they move forward in addressing the fiscal imbalance in Canada and other key issues related to fiscal federalism.
- The ministry will work to raise Ontario's profile in the international community and promote the province to key trading partners. MIA will support the Premier, the Minister, other ministers and the Lieutenant-Governor in their interactions with foreign government leaders and their representatives. The ministry will also consult, as necessary, with the federal Department of Foreign Affairs to ensure consistency with Canadian foreign policy.
- MIA will provide strategic advice to Ontario ministries to assist them in their dealings with the federal government and other jurisdictions on key intergovernmental negotiations and initiatives. MIA will also work with ministries in resolving issues that have international implications.

Contributing to the Government's Priorities

Canada's federal structure means that many social and economic issues that concern provincial governments have an intergovernmental dimension. This is the case for several of Ontario's key priorities – building a more prosperous economy, ensuring success for students, and improving health care. MIA supports the province's agenda by providing strategic advice, analysis and positioning to move forward on these priorities.

- When building a prosperous and competitive economy, the fiscal imbalance that exists between the federal government and the provinces and territories must be addressed. MIA, as the Ontario ministry with the lead responsibility for dealing with fiscal federalism will play a key role in advising and supporting the Premier and the Minister in their dealings with the Prime Minister and other premiers to ensure that changes to Canada's fiscal arrangements treat Ontarians and all Canadians fairly.
- MIA will contribute to ensuring success for students in Ontario through the key role it is playing in the development of a COF pan-Canadian strategy on postsecondary education and skills training. In early 2006, Ontario and Quebec co-hosted a national summit on postsecondary education and skills that brought together stakeholders from across the country. Building on the success of this event, MIA will work closely with other provinces and territories to develop a national strategy that will help to ensure all Canadians have the knowledge and skills needed to compete and succeed in a global economy.
- Health care reform and sustainability remains a priority for Ontario. MIA will contribute to improving health care in Ontario by continuing in its efforts calling on the federal government to ensure Ontario receives its "per capita" share of federal transfers such as the Canada Health Transfer.

Relevant performance measures

Performance Measures	Target 06-07	Most Recent Result
Percentage Satisfaction of Key Ministry Partners with MIA Support	74%	87% (2004- 05)
Percentage Consular Corps Satisfaction with MIA Services	72%	95% (2004- 05)

MINISTRY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Table 1: Ministry Planned Expenditures 2006/07

	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M) 2006/07
Operating	9,432,544
Capital	0

Table 2: Ministry Planned Expenditures by Program Name 2006/07

Program Name	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M)
Ministry Administration	2,331,244
Intergovernmental Relations	7,101,300