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PART I: Published Results-based Plan 2006/07

MINISTRY OVERVIEW

Ministry Overview Statement

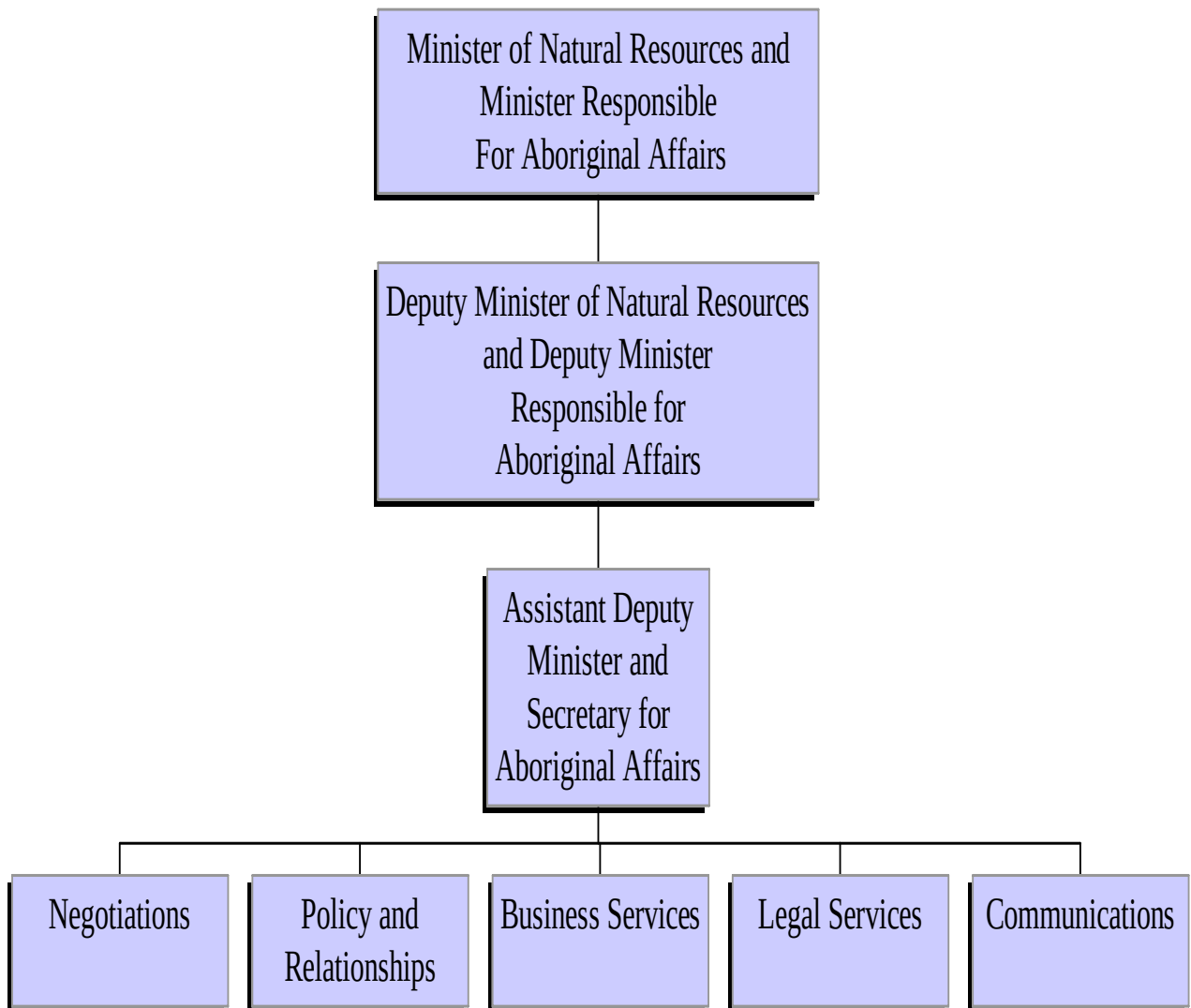
The activities of the Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs (OSAA) support the broad government priority of Vital Public Interest.

OSAA is the corporate lead on Aboriginal affairs within the Ontario Government. As such, it provides Aboriginal policy development and relationship expertise and coordinates cross-ministry Aboriginal policy initiatives and multi-lateral relationship processes. OSAA is responsible for leading new corporate government initiatives on Aboriginal affairs and supporting ministries in their areas of specific responsibilities.

OSAA, formerly the Ontario Native Affairs Secretariat, faces a number of new opportunities and challenges as a result of the announcement of the government's "New Approach to Aboriginal Affairs" in June 2005. The implementation of this new corporate Aboriginal policy with a range of implementation processes was accompanied by reorganization within the Secretariat designed to focus financial and human resources on the priority areas established by this new government policy.



Ministry Organization Chart





Legislation

Legislation for which the Secretariat has responsibility:

- *The Manitoulin, Barrie and Cockburn Islands Land Act, 1990*
- *English and Wabigoon River Systems Mercury Contamination Settlement Agreement Act, 1986*

Agencies, Boards and Commissions

Agencies, boards and commissions that have financial and administrative relationships with the Secretariat:

Grassy Narrows and Islington Bands Mercury Disability Board

The Grassy Narrows and Islington Bands Mercury Disability Board was established under the terms of the *English and Wabigoon River Systems Mercury Contamination Settlement Agreement Act, 1986*.

The Disability Board administers the Grassy Narrows and Islington Bands Mercury Disability Fund. It reviews applications from those members of the Grassy Narrows and Islington First Nations claiming to suffer the effects of mercury poisoning from pollution of the English-Wabigoon River system and recommends disbursements from the Fund to compensate approved applicants.

The Secretariat provides an annual contribution to the operating expenditures of the Board in the amount of \$50,000, matched by the federal government. Additionally, the Secretariat is responsible for monitoring and maintaining the asset base of the Mercury Disability Fund, from which payments are made to approved claimants.



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Key Strategies and Activities

The key strategies and activities of the Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs (OSAA) are as follows:

Strategy – Negotiations

Activity – Land and Land-Related Claims

OSAA undertakes the following Land and Land-Related Claim activities:

- Conducts land claim negotiations, and implements land claim settlement agreements on behalf of the province;
- Considers Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal interests through a public involvement process;
- Creates greater certainty with respect to property rights; and
- Participates on behalf of Ontario in federally-led self-government negotiations where appropriate.

Where supported by a historical and legal basis, OSAA participates in land claim negotiations to achieve a resolution that:

- Takes into consideration First Nation and non-Aboriginal interests through an enhanced public involvement process;
- Creates greater clarity with respect to property rights;
- Satisfies Ontario's legal obligations; and
- Promotes social harmony and economic development in communities affected by land claims.

Strategy –Corporate Coordination of Aboriginal Affairs

Activity – Policy Development and Coordination

Provide policy development and corporate coordination of Aboriginal matters for the government, including:

- Corporate Aboriginal policy development, coordination and advice;
- Managing and monitoring implementation of corporate policies, including initiatives related to the government's New Approach to Aboriginal Affairs;



- Providing policy support and advice to guide partner ministries in addressing Aboriginal issues and matters within their mandates;
- Working with and providing policy advice on Aboriginal issues and matters to government;
- Emergency response coordination; and
- Aboriginal issues identification, coordination and management.

Activity – Relationships

The Relationships function involves developing, coordinating and managing constructive relationships with Aboriginal peoples and organizations, both on- and off-reserve. It also guides Ontario's relationships with the federal government and other provincial/territorial governments in regard to Aboriginal matters.

The Relationships function provides corporate coordination of Aboriginal matters for the government in the areas of:

- Aboriginal relations coordination;
- Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) relations;
- Federal/Provincial/Territorial/Aboriginal (FPTA) relations; and
- Corporate program delivery and project management of priority Aboriginal affairs projects with government-wide implications.

Strategy – Corporate Administration

Activity – Corporate Administration

The key strategies and activities are supported by the Corporate Administration Activity, which includes the Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister and Secretary for Aboriginal Affairs; by the Communications Unit; and by the Business Services Unit. Legal Services support is provided by the Legal Services Branch.

These contribute to the overall vision and objectives of the Secretariat in providing support to the government and its ministries, contributing to the economic growth and capacity building of Aboriginal communities leading to improved opportunities and a better future for Aboriginal children and youth.



Support to Government's Key Commitments, Priorities and Results

The Secretariat's Results-based Plan falls within the area of Vital Public Interest. Its primary activities are all linked directly with the government's New Approach to Aboriginal Affairs, as announced in June 2005, and it similarly supports the government's priorities through its lead role and responsibility for implementation of the New Approach.

Performance Measures

The Secretariat has established performance measures for all of its primary activity areas in order to establish both commitments and standards by which progress and achievement can be monitored.

- Land and Land-Related Claims:
 - o Measure: Increase the number of completed final settlement agreements on land and land-related claims in Ontario.
- Policy Development and Coordination:
 - o Measure: More effective and strategic corporate initiatives and specific policy development to address Ontario's shared priorities with Aboriginal peoples.
- Relationships:
 - o Measure: Stronger, more effective relationships will be developed with Aboriginal peoples.



MINISTRY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Table 1: Ministry Planned Expenditures 2006/07

	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M) 2006/07
Operating	17.2
Capital	3.4

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

Program Name and Activity	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M) 2006/07
OPERATING EXPENSE	
Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs	16.7
Land Claims and Self-Government Initiatives	0.5
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	17.2
Total Operating Expense	17.2
CAPITAL EXPENSE	
Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs	3.4
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	3.4
Total Capital Expense	3.4



APPENDIX I:

PUBLISHED RESULTS-BASED PLAN 2005/06 AND ANNUAL REPORT 2004/05

2005/06 Published Results-based Plan

Ministry Programs and Strategies

The Secretariat is the corporate lead on Aboriginal affairs with the Ontario government. As such, it provides Aboriginal policy development and relationship expertise and coordinates cross-ministry Aboriginal policy initiatives and multi-lateral relationship processes. The Secretariat is responsible for leading new government initiatives on Aboriginal affairs and supporting ministries in their areas of specific responsibility.

Corporate Coordination of Aboriginal Affairs

This Strategy area, including the Policy Development and Coordination and Relationships Activity areas, will continue to focus on serving as the corporate lead on Aboriginal affairs within the Ontario government. As such, it provides Aboriginal policy development and relationship expertise and coordinates cross-ministry Aboriginal policy initiatives and multi-lateral relationship processes. The Secretariat is responsible for leading new government initiatives on Aboriginal affairs and supporting ministries in their areas of specific responsibility.

The proposed “New Approach to Aboriginal Affairs” is intended to implement the government’s commitment to a new relationship. By focusing on the creation of a better future for Aboriginal children and youth, it will assist in achieving the government’s five key priorities in Aboriginal communities. Through strategic initiatives, falling under two key themes (more prosperous Aboriginal communities and improving Aboriginal well-being), it will provide the corporate framework for line ministries also delivering on the government’s key priorities. The Secretariat will be the lead ministry for the delivery of the “New Approach”, and the primary work related to the “New Approach” will fall to the Corporate Coordination of Aboriginal Affairs strategy area within the Secretariat.



Land and Land-Related Claims

The Negotiations Strategy area will continue to proceed on a number of land and land-related claim negotiations, with a few tentatively scheduled to come to final settlement agreements and distribution of settlement payments in 2005-06. The Secretariat will also be proceeding in 2005-06 with a number of initiatives in the areas of self-government and land claim submissions.

Support to Government's Key Commitments, Priorities and Results

The activities of the Secretariat support the government priority of Strong People, Strong Economy and the broader strategy of Vital Public Interest.

In delivering on Strong People, Strong Economy, the Secretariat increases jobs and creates new businesses and partnerships through its Aboriginal Economic Development activities.

In delivering on Vital Public Interests, the Secretariat provides a range of services and programs in support of the government in the areas of Corporate Coordination of Aboriginal Affairs (Policy Development and Coordination and Relationships activities) and of the negotiation and settlement of Land and Land-Related Claims.

Table 1: Ministry Planned Expenditures 2005/06

	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M) 2005/06
Operating	14.0
Capital	3.1

Table 2: Ministry Planned Expenditures by Program Name 2005/06

Program Name	Ministry Planned Expenditures (\$M)
OPERATING EXPENSE	
Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs	14.027
Land Claims and Self-Government Initiatives	.001
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	14.028
Total Operating Expense	14.028
CAPITAL EXPENSE	
Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs	3.1
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE TO BE VOTED	3.1
Total Capital Expense	3.1



2004/05 Annual Report

Ministry Achievements

The Secretariat achieved results in three primary areas in 2004-05:

- **Aboriginal Economic Development:**
 - o Continued to deliver the Working Partnerships Program and the Ontario Aboriginal Economic Development Program, creating jobs and new businesses/partnerships in Aboriginal communities.
 - o Carried out a review of the Aboriginal Community Capital Grants Program to determine ongoing demand and assess program effectiveness and efficiencies.
- **Land and Land-Related Claims:**
 - o Continued processes leading to an increased number of final settlement agreements over the four-year period 2004-05 through 2007-08. Proceeded with work on final settlement agreements on Rainy River and Temagami.
- **Corporate Coordination of Aboriginal Affairs:**
 - o Developed and implemented an external Aboriginal engagement plan to seek input on a "New Approach to Aboriginal Affairs"

Ministry Expenditures

Table 3: Ministry Expenditures

	Ministry Actual Expenditures (\$M) 2004/05
Operating	19
Capital	1.6
Staff Strength (as of March 31, 2005)	62.3