MYAP Priorities

Autism (04.63)

Recent Updates:

- N/A

Current Status

Announced on June 8th, new Ontario Autism Program began implementation on June 26:

  - New clinical assessment framework and program guidelines released including single point of access in each of the 9 service areas.
- MCYS ongoing work with the OAP Advisory Committee and the ASD Clinical Expert Committee.
- MCYS targeting a new direct funding approach to be implemented by the end of 2017 (*under development; transitional funding will be provided in the interim).*
- EDU pilots to begin in September 2017 on some school sites, and expanded over the 2017-18 school year *(under development)*. EDU indicates that:
  - 18 school boards have volunteered to run in-school pilots beginning in the 2017-18 school year.
  - 11 school boards would have a combination of dedicated space in schools for autism therapy as well as training for Education Assistants, while 7 school boards would only have the EA training.
  - The training would begin in January 2018, whereas the dedicated space would be available beginning in fall 2017.
  - The pilots were to be announced on August 14 but has been put on hold; awaiting information on implementation prior to announcement. For example: Which schools are participating? What is the eligibility criteria for students to participate?
  - A follow-up multicorners has been scheduled on August 16 to discuss these implementation questions, and the proposed communications plan.
- MCYS and partner ministries to return to Cabinet in late Fall 2017 with options to guarantee the qualifications of ABA practitioners.

Key Risks

Impact on families

- Service continuity
- Long wait-times for services

- Phased approach to integration of services in schools

Basic Income Pilot (05.04)

Recent Updates

- Take up has been slower than expected for Phase 1; PRSO has been working with partners to consider options to increase enrollment.
    - Since June 2, PRSO has sent application packages for Phase 1 (Hamilton/Thunder Bay) to 28,000 randomly selected addresses.
    - Take up has increased in recent weeks; see *current status* section.
- CO continues to work closely with PRSO through the regular steering committee meetings. The next meeting is on Monday, August 21.

Current Status

- Announced phased pilot on April 24, 2017:
    - Spring 2017 (Phase 1): MCSS-PRSO targeting up to 400 participants in Hamilton and Thunder Bay area. To date, enrollment is as follows:

	Hamilton	Thunder Bay	Total
Enrolled (received payment on August25)	37	16	53
New applications that meet eligibility criteria but participants are not yet enrolled*	114	78	192

*** A proportion of these will receive payment on September 25. In order to be enrolled in the Pilot, eligible applicants must have completed a baseline survey and applicant information must have been processed by MOF. PRSO is considering opportunities to streamline the enrollment process, details TBD.**

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    - Fall 2017 (Phase 2): Increased to 4,000 participants and expanding to include Lindsay and a First Nation Pilot.
- Implementation:
    - Ongoing work to facilitate smooth transition of benefits.
    - Ongoing discussions with First Nations partners.

Key Risks

- Ambitious timeline and some unknowns (e.g. time to get participants)
- Linkage/overlap/confusion with Income Security Reform
- Managing expectations of First Nations partners on the scope and scale of the First Nation Pilot

Cannabis (04.56)

Recent Updates

- Briefing of core Ministers July 26 (Ministers Naqvi, Sousa, Hoskins, Coteau, Lalonde) on recommended approach for retail and age
- Cabinet approval of MTO's vulnerable road users submission, which included impaired driving:
  - Zero tolerance for young, novice and commercial drivers

Current Status

- Ongoing Policy Development
  - Public consultation concluded July 31, with over 53,000 responses awaiting rolled up results by August 11. Stakeholder consultations are ongoing.
  - Updated tracking for approvals:
    - Retail and Age: Cabinet August 31st
    - Cannabis #2 (including places of use, possession, homegrown, workplace safety, fire/building safety, youth/young/adult prevention): JEP as info August 30th, Cabinet August 31st
    - Retail model: TB/MBC late September
    - Legislation: LRC October

- Areas of Responsibility:
  - MOF – retail model (August)
  - MOHLTC – Smoke Free Ontario Strategy modernization (HESP September)
  - MTO – Impaired Driving(July 26)

Key Risks

- Short implementation timeline driven by federal deadlines (July 2018):
- Stakeholder concerns/expectations with Ontario's overall approach.
- Implications for medical cannabis users
- Appropriate balance of policy objectives (public safety, protection of youth/vulnerable population)
- Ensuring alignment across impacted ministries (MAG/MoF/MTO/MOHLTC/MCSCS).

Cap and Trade (03.03, 03.04)

Recent Updates

- Results of Second Cap and Trade Auction (June 6, 2017 made public on June 13, 2017 – 100% of allowances were purchased
- GHGIP release from holdback for all programs eligible to receive funding from the second auction approved by TB/MBC July 25.

Current Status

- Financial Approvals/Implementation
    - First Cap and Trade Auction (March 2017) raised $472 million
    - Second Cap and Trade Auction (June 2017) raised $504 million.
    - GHGIP (programs funded in 17/18) approved in April 2017
    - GHGIP release from holdback for programs eligible to receive funding from the first auction was approved at TB/MBC May 9, CAB May 17.
    - GreenON program design approved at TB/MBC May 30, CAB May 31 (Website launch in August/September; other new program rollout August/September).
- June 13 announcement highlighted funding for improved cycling infrastructure in cities, school retrofits, residential home retrofits, electric vehicle charging stations, social housing repairs and retrofits, new technologies for businesses, and reducing diesel use in First Nations communities.
- Potential announcements for future may include 50 million trees, electric school buses, among other new initiatives (timing TBD).

Key Risks

- Continued heightened stakeholder interest, including from the Auditor General and the FAO, in how government invests cap and trade proceeds.

Cap and Trade - GreenON

Recent Updates

- The website launch is planned for September/October, including the launch of the home concierge program and Board membership

Current Status

- GreenON program design approved at TB/MBC May 30, CAB May 31
- First Board meeting took place on July 26

Key Risks

- The government may be criticized for introducing only one new program upon launch of the website. MOECC is working with partner ministries and providers to roll out programs throughout the fall.

Changing Workplaces - Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs (04.45)

<u>Recent Updates</u>

- The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs recently completed its public hearings on Bill 148 *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017*.
- The committee travelled to 10 communities across the province from July 10-21 and heard approximately 190 presentations from the public, businesses, labour organizations and advocacy groups.
- The committee will review all feedback received and the province will continue to consult with workers and businesses throughout the fall. Timing for second reading is TBD.
- MOL is tracking to TB/MBC August 16 on program design.

Current Status

- Proposal approved at JEP May 15/Cabinet May 17.
- Legislation approved at LRC/CAB May 29.
- Changing Workplaces Review (CWR) Report released May 23.
- Legislation introduced on June 1 and ordered to Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs for review following First Reading.

Key Risks

- Potential for unforeseen or unintended impacts given the scope of measures, timing of the implementation and lack of full stakeholder input on some aspects of the proposal (such as, minimum wage).
- The proposal is expected to reduce flexibility for employers, increase costs and potentially reduce competitiveness vis-à-vis non-Canadian jurisdictions.
- Financial impact on public sector (i.e. universities) could impact implementation of other commitments

Early Years and Child Care (04.67)

Recent Updates

- Options to mitigate impact of increased minimum wage on child care access and affordability are currently under review by PO.
- RB to Cabinet on affordability tracking for October MTHSW

Current Status

- 100,000 space commitment made in the September 2016 Throne speech.
- 2017 Budget announced investments to support access to licensed child care for 24,000 more children through new fee subsidies and capital spaces in the 2017-18 fiscal year (16,000 additional fee subsidies for children 0-4, $200 million to municipal partners, 8,000 school-based child care spaces)
- *Renewed Early Years and Child Care Policy Framework and Expansion Strategy* released on June 6, 2017. Included:
  - Five-year commitment of $1.6 billion in capital funding for school-based, community-based, and BPS-based child care spaces; and
  - Noted Ontario's intent to move towards universally accessible child care.
- Bilateral funding agreement ($145M/year) with the federal government signed/announced on June 12th.
- Dr. Gordon Cleveland has been appointed to lead an affordability study of child care, with a final report including recommendations to be submitted to EDU by the end of February 2018. An interim report will be provided in November 2017
- Notice to parents regarding 2018 fees go out in November
- Marketing campaign regarding: 100K spaces goes into market this Fall

Key Risks

- Continued federal funding
- Capacity to create spaces, including capacity of child care providers to increase spaces, and system's ability to address any potential impact from minimum wage increases (includes risk of increased parent fees)
- Retention and recruitment of child care workers (compensation issues)
- Maintaining the quality of licensed child care during expansion
- Potential misalignment of location of demand for spaces and the availability of capital space across the province
- Accountability around funding and space creation

Fair Housing Plan (04.51)

Recent Updates:

- MHO is approved for:
  - 5 temporary FTEs and the extension of the Provincial Development Facilitator's appointment for the Housing Supply Team
  - an additional 5 temporary FTEs for housing market research and implementation of the Fair Housing Plan.
- MHO received approval at July 25 LRC Cabinet to expedite proclamation of the sections of the Rental Fairness Act related to a landlord's own use (LOU) of rental units for September 1, 2017.
- Review of Real Estate Business Brokers Act (REBBA) (MGCS) – changes to implement Fair Housing Plan commitments regarding "double ending"; to be included in Fall 2017 Consumer Protection Bill (with Tarion and Ticket Speculation)
  - Policy Approval: JEP Aug 29/Cabinet Sept 13
  - Legislative Approval: LRC Sept 25/Cabinet TBD
  - Public consultations closed in July 2017 on REBBA proposals including:
    1. Establishing a new mandatory designated representation requirement to limit the practice of double ending;
    2. Requiring that mandatory standardized disclosure clauses re: representation be included in agreements to educate consumers of their rights when dealing with a real estate professional; and
    3. Increasing the maximum fine for Code of Ethics violations from $25,000 to from to $50,000 for individual salespersons and brokers and $100,000 for brokerages.
  - Phase 2 in 2018 to focus on medium to long term amendments to REBBA to address more systemic changes to the Act, including considering better aligning enforcement powers across Administrative Authorities.

Current Status:

- <u>Fair Housing Plan</u> (16 point plan) approved April 12, announced April 20:
  - Expanded rent control came into effect retroactive to April 20, 2017.
  - Tax measures came into effect on April 21, 2017.
  - Three groups are being established:
    - <u>Development Approval Roundtable</u> – Chaired by the Secretary of the Cabinet; includes municipalities, BILD, OHBA and RESCON. First meeting occurred June 8th.
      - Outcomes included identifying several priority areas of further work, goal to identify any potential improvements for FES.

    - Future meetings to occur monthly between June and November (next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 11).
  - Housing Supply Team – Led by the Provincial Development Facilitator (reporting to Minister of Municipal Affairs); focus on specific projects.
  - Housing Forum – Chaired by the Minister of Housing (with MOF/MMA Ministers). Participants include housing experts, economists, academics, developers, community groups and the real estate sector. First meeting on July 5; discussed how to make housing more affordable in the province. Some mention of the Forum in news media. Subsequent meetings to be held in September 2017(date and agenda TBD), January and April 2018.
- Outstanding program design:
  - DC Rebate Program (MHO/ MOF) - targeted program for New Multi-Residential Construction (TB/MBC Oct. 17 / CAB Oct. 25, Launch Fall 2017).
  - Affordable Housing Lands Program (MOI/MOF/MHO) - leveraging provincial land assets for affordable housing (Wave 1 received TB/MBC approval June 14, 2017 and disposition OIC at June 27 LRC; includes 3 sites: Grenville/Grosvenor and 2 West Don Lands); Wave 2 (Thistletown) tracking to Oct 17 TB/MBC/ Oct 18 CAB

Long-Term Energy Plan and Related Initiatives (15.10, 15.11)

Recent Updates

- July 26, 2017 ENERGY received policy approval for the LTEP initiatives and the policy objectives of the IESO and OEB implementation directives.
- Initial PO briefings on LTEP modelling assumptions have taken place and on track for further briefings on progress of Hydro Quebec discussions (Aug. 16), and final modelling products (Aug. 16).
- CO to assist ENERGY facilitate secure review of draft LTEP document language.

Current Status

- Targeting Cabinet approval August 31on modelling outlooks for the 2017 LTEP.
- Subsequent submission for approval of final LTEP document and OEB/IESO implementation directives anticipated in late summer 2017 (LGIC approval required by law).
- Governance - Regular meetings (Energy, PO, CO – policy+comms)
- Energy is also working with the IESO and IO to undertake internal analysis on potential increases to imports from Quebec and the impact on Nuclear refurbishments, Ontario Fair Hydro Plan (OFHP), the potential Electricity Market Renewal commitment and other provincial priorities (e.g., climate change).
    - Quebec Hydro tabled an initial offer for a revised energy trade agreement June 22, 2017, and the IESO responded on July 14, 2017 to indicate it was assessing the proposal. Discussions are continuing and Cabinet direction may be required during summer 2017.

Key Risks

- Delivery of next LTEP in time for a summer 2017 release as planned.
- Alignment with the province's goals under the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) and the OFHP.

Fair Hydro Plan (15.21)

Recent Updates

- OFHP programs and reductions operational as of July 1, 2017. Consumers will see reductions on their first bill after July 1, 2017, which may not be until August in some cases.
- ENERGY will return to LRC/Cabinet in for:
  - an additional regulatory amendment related to the operation and oversight of the Financial Services Manager for GA refinancing (Summer 2017);
  - a proclamation OIC to transition the OESP program to government funding once the IESO variance account is depleted; and,
  - as required, potential further regulatory amendments to address certain technical issues that arise during implementation.

Current Status

- Ongoing work with agencies, LDCs and partners on implementation requirements. including:
  - Minister of Energy to determine the Fair Allocation Amount;
  - OPG/SPV to produce Financing Plans that would set out funding obligations consistent with the Fair Allocation Amount;
  - IESO recording deferral amounts and establishing the regulatory asset;
  - OPG/SPV to begin purchasing of investment asset;
  - OPG working with lenders and credit rating agencies in establishing the vehicles for selling of investment asset interests;

Key Risks

- The model assumes GA refinancing does not have a fiscal impact.
- Ability to keep rates in line with CPI over the next 4 years as committed to by the government, which could increase fiscal pressure.
- Auditor General may issue adverse opinion.
- The structure is unique which increases the risk or unknown factors impacting its performance.
- According to a legal opinion by former Supreme Court Justice Binnie, there is a moderately high risk that the proposed change would be characterized as an unconstitutional tax because future consumers are being required to subsidize current consumers.

Seniors Strategy (04.27)

Recent Updates

- Initial kick-off meeting with CO, PO, MSA and key partner ministries took place on July 6th,following a memo from DMs Fougere and Davidson sent on July 5th.
- All key partner ministries have submitted proposed initiatives to MSA for potential inclusion in the Strategy; MSA is assessing proposed initiatives to identify any potential gaps/opportunities, in consultation with CO/PO.
- A series of multicorners took place from July 27th to August 10th to review potential initiatives to be included in the Strategy, including financial implications, and to discuss an integrated communications strategy.

Current Status

- MSA will present the proposed Strategy to Major Projects in August (week of Aug 21, TBC), and seek policy approval of the strategy at MT:PRSI on September 14th.

Key Risks

- Short timeline to develop cross-government strategy and obtain necessary approvals (policy, TB/MBC, and potentially LRC) in advance of anticipated announcement in FES
- Ensuring related initiatives are aligned in terms of objectives, delivery, and public communications, and represent most effective and evidence-based options for supporting Ontario's seniors, in light of limited timeframes for policy analysis and development.
- Potential need for additional investment in new initiatives proposed by ministries, and the release of a new Strategy will raise stakeholder expectations for new investments (e.g. in home and community care, in long-term care).

NAFTA/Trade Issues (01.11, 01.12)

Recent Updates

- US posted its negotiation objectives July 17 (consistent with expectations)
- Negotiations to begin August 16
- Canada launched public consultations on NAFTA on June 3.
  - Ontario participated in meetings of FPT officials June 5-6, June 17th.
- On June 1, 2017, the federal government announced approximately $860M in aid for the softwood lumber industry.
- On June 5, 2017 US and Mexico reached an agreement on sugar trade.
- On June 26, 2017, the U.S. announced preliminary anti-dumping duties on softwood lumber with an average rate of around 10 per cent (in addition to preliminary duties announced in April 2017).

Current Status

- Initial NAFTA negotiating mandate approved at Cabinet May 31, 2017.
  - Federal government intends to recreate the FPT engagement process used during the CETA negotiations, including discussions on strategy and tactics, as well as sharing offensive and defensive issues.
- Ongoing engagement with economic and political leaders
  - June 4-6, 2017 - 10th annual Southeastern U.S. States-Canadian Provinces Conference
  - June 6-8, 2017 - Joint mission with seven other Canada's Premiers to Washington, D.C.
- MRIS is leading initial work on the development of an Intellectual Property Strategy, including NAFTA opportunities.
- The next Council of Federation was held in Edmonton from July 17-19, 2017. The First Ministers agreed to collaborate to Strengthen Canada – U.S. Relations, including affirming that free and open trade under NAFTA has led to significant benefits for businesses, workers and communities in member nations. There is a need to maintain market access for goods and services so that the gains achieved by the agreement will not be undone, and recognized the negotiations is an opportunity to modernize and improve the agreement

Key Risks

- The federal government is the negotiating lead for NAFTA. PTs will have diverging interests, creating concerns over potential trade-offs in negotiations for regional or sectoral interests.

Federal-Provincial Infrastructure (13.10)

Recent Updates

- On July 6, 2017, the Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities sent letters to all PT Infrastructure ministers, as well as to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to provide additional details about the federal government's long term infrastructure plan and to open negotiations to reach bilateral agreements with each province/territory. Funding for Ontario, contingent on cost-sharing from the province, includes:
    - $8.34 billion for public transit;
    - $2.85 billion for green infrastructure;
    - $0.4 billion for community, culture and recreation infrastructure; and
    - $0.25 billion for rural and northern communities infrastructure.
- Provincial share of Port Lands Flood Protection project ($417M) approved at TB/MBC (June 13th) and Cabinet (June 14th). A joint federal-provincial-municipal announcement took place on June 28, 2017.
- FPT DMs meeting that was scheduled for late June was cancelled. Meeting was expected to confirm key program conditions and provide additional details on Phase Two.
- MOI provided an update at MP/FPC on July 13, 2017.

Current Status

- The 2017 Federal Budget included some details on the federal government's $81B – Investing in Canada plan but did not include detailed program conditions.
- MOI is working with officials at Infrastructure Canada to make recommendations on the design of Phase Two programs.
- MOI is working with AMO and the City of Toronto to develop a common understanding of the federal terms and conditions.
- Ontario is expected to receive the draft bilateral agreement in September 2017.

Key Risks

- Cancellation of FPT DMs meeting (originally scheduled for late June) may result in lack of clarity on Phase Two program parameters

Small Business Strategy (1.03, 1.05)

Recent Updates

- On July 27, 2017 MGCS, MRSB, MEDG, MIT and TBS met to discuss potential options to enhance opportunities for government procurement for “small and medium sized enterprises”.

- MRSB, supported by CO, is developing a strategy to enhance the competitiveness of small business, including options for intended outcomes, activities, a work plan and tracking for financial and policy approvals

Current Status

- Cutting Unnecessary Red Tape Bill (went to LRC on July 25, 2017), tracking to Cabinet for August 17, 2017

- Development of Small Business Strategy to explore options for preferential tax treatment, procurement, fee reductions/voucher and access to capital. In addition, measures will explore opportunities to support human capital (e.g. training), a Small Business Connects program and other measures to encourage growth and scaling up.

- Other targeted measures will also be explored.

Key Risks

Both the Premier and Minister Responsible for Small Business have been recently quoted in the media as making commitments to bring forward measures this fall which will reduce burdens on small businesses. There is a risk that if these measures are not significant and wide-spread, they will not meet the expectations of small businesses.

LHIN Transformation (07.02)

Recent Updates

- All 14 LHINs completed transition (as of June 21, 2017)

Current Status

- MOHLTC provided daily update reports from May 1, 2017 to June 23, 2017, noting any issues, including patient complaints. No major issues reported to date.
    - A total of 101 patient contacts related to transition were received (91 neutral, 2 positive and 6 negative).

Key Risks

- Potential for disruptions to patient care or employees (though increasingly very unlikely given smooth transition for all 14 LHINs).
- Expectations on a broader 'transformation' and improvements among key stakeholders (e.g. professional associations) in the short-term now that transition is complete.

OHIP+ and Other Public Drug Programs (07.16)

Recent Updates

- The Ministry continues to communicate with affected stakeholders via email e-blast.

Current status

- Biweekly steering committee meetings continue (including PO, CO, external stakeholders).
- Directors Working Group meetings continue regularly (including MOHLTC, CO, TBS, MCYS, MCSS).

Tracking

- TB/MBC on August 15, 2017, fast-tracking to Cabinet on August 16, 2017 for approval to release funding from hold-back and proceed with implementation.
    - New request to fund aerochambers for children who need them to administer asthma medication. (~$2.5M in 17/18; $10.0 million ongoing).
- LRC on August 29, 2017 with OHIP+ REG package.
- Ministry has indicated that January 1, 2018 implementation is on track.

Key Risks

- Implementation – Ministry is developing approach to address children and youth under age 24 who currently receive drugs via the Exceptional Access Program (EAP). The current EAP approval process is lengthy - requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and may require specified clinical criteria to be met. Due to new coverage for OHIP+ the Ministry is proposing to streamline the approvals for EAP drugs.
- Financial – as a universal, open-ended program; financial projections to be re-evaluated during program design; MOHLTC has learned MCYS has a small number of clients in specialized programs that receive drug coverage – MOHLTC will assume these costs.
- Delivery – approximately 9,000 Social Assistance recipients without an OHIP number; issues related to First Nations enrollment and uncertainly of uptake, “competing” coverage from federal Program; ministry engaging private insurance companies to explore transition from private plans to OHIP+. Early indications they will continue to offer their plans as most plans are made available nation-wide – would result in overlapping coverage.

Mental Health and Addictions (Including Opioids) (7.07)

Recent Updates

- June 12th – announcement of additional funding for front-line workers and naloxone kits
- Ministers' Table on Mental Wellness (MT: MW) established on June 14. First meeting scheduled for August 20, 2017.
- MCYS aiming to go to TB/MBC in fall 2017 on a new Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH) Funding Allocation Model, related to CYMH transformation (MYAP #4.61.)
  - MCYS was directed by Cabinet to examine Child and Youth Mental Health as part of a 2012 "Moving on Mental Health" policy submission.
  - Current CYMH funding is based on historical allocations, while the proposed model would be population and need based.

Current Status

- Development of strategy for long-term system transformation to strengthen the mental health and addictions system based on recommendations from the Mental Health and Addictions Leadership Advisory Council MOHLTC (Cabinet in Fall 2017)
- Continued action under the provincial Opioid Strategy (TB/MBC approved new initiatives to support the strategy on July 25, 2017). CO approved the Ministry's request to fast track to Cabinet on July 26 to support public announcements in August, pending approvals
- CYS working on its proposed funding model and potential investment plan for children and youth mental health; item could track to TB this fall, to facilitate roll-out beginning in 2018-19
- CO developing approach to launch MT: MW (e.g. finalize membership, schedule initial meeting and subsequent schedule)

Key Risks

- Public and stakeholder concerns and media coverage of opioid-related deaths.
- Stakeholder/public expectations for strengthened mental health and addictions services
- Additional financial investments likely to be required (above and beyond the ministries' approved allocation)

Health Sector Payment Transparency (07.08)

Recent Updates

- On July 14, Ministry invited select stakeholders for consultations that would seek advice on how Ontario can increase transparency on Transfers of Value (ToVs) from the private sector to health care professionals and organizations
- On July 21, 2017, Ministry issued a News Release to announce consultations with patients, health care providers, and the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

Current Status

- Development of legislation to compel the disclosure of ToVs to health care providers (e.g., physicians, nurse practitioners) from private sector (e.g., pharmaceutical and medical device companies) (HESP August 17; early Fall Introduction)
- Legislation to focus on health sector at this time, but could be expanded to the other areas in the broader public sector at a future date (e.g., universities, colleges)

Key Risks

- Timelines to seek policy approval, and develop and introduce legislation are compressed, and require immediate Ministry action (launching consultations, developing policy submission, drafting legislation)
- Ministry to refine scope of legislation, including whether legislation will place the onus of disclosure on the private sector versus individual health care providers
  - Depending on the approach chosen, there are risks related to the ministry's ability to enforce legislation and existing jurisdictional authority
- Ministry to confirm that the proposed legislation does not impact legislation that will be included in the health legislative bundle, tracking for parallel LRC approvals on August 29

Achieving Excellence for the Whole Learner(including measures to improve equity and well-being) (08.03, 08.04, 08.05)

Current Status

- EDU is tracking an "Achieving Excellence for the Whole Learner" policy submission to August 17 HESP and Cabinet on August 31.
- EDU intends to announce the proposed plan in the first week of school. This announcement will be linked with a related announcements in the first week of school:
    - For "well-being", the 2017 Budget announced $49 million over the next three years - EDU has developed a preliminary allocation of the funds.
    - For "equity," EDU is planning on releasing an Equity Action Plan.

Key Risks

- Stakeholder Expectations: Assessment changes, particularly to EQAO, could affect public confidence in the education system.
- Sector Capacity: Successful implementation will require significant measures to build capacity and promote buy-in, particularly on the part of teachers. "Initiative fatigue" is a risk due to wide array of reforms in schools currently being implemented.
- Labour Relations: Implications for teacher and P/VP workload and the limitations in collective agreements around introducing new policies.
- Data and Measurement: Quality data on various sub-populations and key indicators may be lacking (e.g., indigenous graduation rate, well-being), which makes it difficult to develop programs and policies to improve key indicators.
- Alignment: there is a need to strengthen cross-ministry integration of initiatives and resources for focus and coherence (e.g., the Anti-Racism Directorate's framework for the collection of race-based data.)

Experiential Learning (08.18, 08.23)

Recent Updates

- TB/MBC item approved at July 25 TB/MBC; tracking to August 17 Cabinet – seeks approval to release some funding from holdback for HSW initiatives including related to experiential learning.

Current Status

Ongoing policy/program development and implementation of key experiential learning initiatives to support HSW strategy:

- Career Kick-Start Strategy:
    - Investment of nearly $190M over 3 years announced in 2017 Budget.
    - Includes initiatives such as: expansion of Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program for Grade 11 and 12 students; new $68-million Career Ready Fund (includes different streams of funding, e.g. PSE capacity building, incenting PSE/employer partnerships, post-grad experiences).

- Apprenticeship Modernization:
    - Stakeholder engagement sessions (June 15 and July 25 - complete)
    - Information update at MT:HSW (June 26 - complete)
    - Fall 2017: Report back for policy approval of strategy (originally planned for September; to be moved to October – TBC)

Key Risks

- Continued engagement/coordination with partners required for delivery.
- Measurement of outcomes required to ensure progress towards goals.
- There could be financial implications of proposed next steps on apprenticeship; will also need to consider a plan to achieve the related savings target for the Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit (ATTC) ($63M in 2018-19, and $17M in 2019-20 and 2020-21).

Postsecondary Education (PSE) (04.08, 08.10, 08.11, 08.12)

Recent Updates

- French-Language PSE:
    - MAESD received the French-Language University Planning Board report and is tracking for policy approval to move forward to establish a French-language university (e.g. develop legislation) within a "Francophone Hub", with student intake by September 2020.
    - Subsequently, this item is expected to track to a special TB/MBC meeting in late August (week of August 28 - TBC) followed by proposed announcement.
    - PO has expressed interest in proposed legislation tracking as part of Fall bill.

Current Status

Ongoing policy/program development and implementation of key PSE initiatives:

- SMA2: MAESD working to finalize SMA2 agreements in Summer 2017.
- OSAP Transformation:
    - New OSAP launched on March 29, 2017 to support applications for the 2017-18 academic year. Application process for the 2018-19 academic year is planned for launch in Fall 2017.
    - In Fall 2017/Winter 2018, MAESD plans to seek approval for further policy/regulatory changes (timing and decisions TBD).
    - MAESD collaborating with EDU and MCYS on strategy to address non-financial barriers to PSE.
- Aboriginal Institutes (AIs): MAESD to report back to Cabinet in Fall 2017 on co-developed policy framework; item to involve legislation (timing of policy/legislative approvals TBC but could be part of Fall bill). On July 21, 2017, the chair of the AI Consortium wrote to the Premier proposing legislation to support AIs.

Key Risks

- Balancing delivery of multiple initiatives in a sector facing challenges (e.g. some institutions facing sustainability challenges).
- Potential for future financial risks related to implementation of initiatives (e.g. increased enrolment due to OSAP changes, French-Language PSE next steps).

Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan (08.17)

Recent Updates

- TB/MBC item approved at July 25 TB/MBC; tracking to August 17 Cabinet – seeks approval to release some funding from holdback for HSW initiatives including related to Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan.

Current Status

- The 2017 Budget announced the Ontario Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan to support adult learners and workers, which includes:
    - Expansion and improvement of the Literacy and Basic Skills (LBS) program (4-year $185M investment announced on June 16).
    - Initiatives to enhance dual credit opportunities for adults; fund technical and workplace-based skills training pilots; and support Ontario Bridge Training for internationally trained immigrants.

- Collaboration on policy development/delivery by MAESD/EDU/MCI on different components of plan (e.g. system navigation, common intake, LBS) to support report back to Cabinet in Fall 2017 (November – TBC).

Key Risks

- Continued engagement/coordination with partners required for delivery.
- Measurement of outcomes required to ensure progress towards goals.
- Ongoing investment required to implement plan; future financial risks TBD.

Inclusive Skills Development (4.22, 4.34, 8.20)

Recent Updates
N/A

Current Status

Ongoing policy/program development and implementation of key initiatives:

- MSW leading engagement on approaches to improve women's economic empowerment (WEE).
    - Engagement paper and online survey released on June 9. Consultation over the summer with feedback to be incorporated into a proposed strategy for fall 2017.
    - MSW MO has indicated they may seek approval to bring forward legislation as part of the WEE Strategy.
    - PO has indicated interest in signalling in FES application of gender-based analysis to the 2018 budget process.

- ADO leading cross-government implementation of *Access Talent: Ontario's Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities* released on June 5, 2017. Report back to Cabinet with a progress update, performance measures, employer-level goals, and Indigenous initiatives planned for December 2017.

- MCI continuing to support settlement and integration programs such as Ontario Bridge Training Program (linked to Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan).

Key Risks

- Continued engagement/coordination with partners required for delivery.
- Broad stakeholder engagement on the Women's Economic Empowerment Strategy may raise stakeholder expectations of new investments.

Transit – Inside the GTHA

Recent Updates

- On July 21, 2017 Metrolinx issued an RFQ for RER operation and maintenance services. The RFQ closes on August 28, 2017.
- On June 14, 2017, Metrolinx issued the Notice of Commencement for the GO Electrification Environmental Assessment Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP).
- Work is also currently underway in parallel to determine the viability and potential application of hydrogen fuel cell-powered commuter rail technology (“hydrail”) as an alternative to traditional overhead electrification.
- MTO provided an update on RER and hydrail at MT:TTI on June 28.

Current Status

- RER Implementation:
    - Procurement for enabling works ongoing until end of 2017 (13 AFP procurements and several traditional procurements).
    - MTO/Mx updating RER procurement strategy and explore viability of alternative propulsion technologies (TB/MBC Fall 2017).
    - Work is currently underway on a hydrail feasibility study to confirm if use of hydrogen fuel cell technology will enable GO RER service commitments to be met – expected completion in Sept/Oct 2017.
    - Negotiations between Metrolinx and CN for Master Agreement on rail rationalization starting in September 2017 (TBC).
    - EA for rail rationalization to begin in June 2018 (TBC).
- LRTs:
    - Metrolinx executed LRV contract with Alstom in June 2017.
    - Dispute resolution process on Bombardier’s LRV contract will take 8-12 months to conclude.

Key Risks

- Potential financial impacts arising from legal dispute with Bombardier

Transit and Transportation – Outside the GTHA

Recent Updates

- MTO provided an update on High Speed Rail to MT:TTI on June 28, 2017.

Current Status

- HSR:
    - TB/MBC for Stage 1 planning procurement approvals targeted for July/August 2017
    - TB/MBC approval for HSR Planning Board (short term advisory body that would provide focused strategic advice, build partnerships, and raise the profile of HSR in Ontario) targeted for August 2017
    - Issuing RFB for EA – targeting November 2017

Key Risks

- Stakeholders may expect additional commitments for HSR including more funding (only $15m for EA)

Transit and Transportation - Other

Recent Updates

- Decisions on HOT lanes on the 427 approved at Cabinet on June 27
- MTO received report on GTA West Corridor on May 29th
- Vulnerable Road Users submission, which includes proposed legislative measures to addressed drug-impaired driving, was approved by JEP and Cabinet July 26
- Report back on Intercommunity Bus Modernization tracking to MT:TTI on August 30

Current Status

- HOT lanes:
  - MTO tracking to TB/MBC in August 2017 (TBC) with refined cost estimates for HOT lanes on Highway 427.
  - MTO will proceed to LRC in September 2017 (TBC) with legislation/regulations to enable the implementation of HOT lanes.
- Intercommunity Bus:
  - MTO/MNDM are working on recommended revised program parameters and a critical path to inform policy/fiscal/legislative implications and next steps.

Key Risks

- MTO's proposed changes to address drug-impaired driving are highly dependent on the federal government's approval of an Oral Fluid Screening Device, which may not be in place by July 1, 2018, and also creates significant resource challenges for MCSCS
- Some projects have funding (e.g., Highway 427 expansion), others do not (e.g., toll collection system for HOT lane on the 427, intercommunity bus)

Strategy for Safer Ontario / Police Oversight Reform (04.43)

Recent Updates

- Policy Approval: PRSI June 13/Cabinet June 14
- Fiscal Prep/Major Projects: August 9 or 10
- Treasury Board Approval: TB/MBC August 16 with fast track to Cabinet August 17
- Legislative Approval: LRC August 29/Cabinet September 13

Current Status

- MCSCS and MAG to consult and report-back in summer 2017 on suspension without pay, probationary periods, and police officer status related to the Strategy for a Safer Ontario and Police Oversight Review. PO, CO, MCSCS, MAG, and Leg Counsel meet weekly to discuss progress on both files.

- MCSCS and MAG will continue to work together to ensure alignment between proposed legislation to modernize the *Police Services Act,* and separate proposed legislation on police oversight, both which are planned for introduction in fall 2017.

Key Risks

- Significant delivery commitments in the justice sector
- Upfront and ongoing investments will be required
- Potential for labour relations issues to arise
- High expectations from stakeholders/Indigenous partners/public

Corrections Reform (04.42)

Recent Updates

- On April 20, 2017, the Ontario Ombudsman released a report on segregation.
- On May 4, 2017, the Province released an interim report by the Independent Advisor on Corrections Reform (Howard Sapers). The Province also announced its intent to introduce new corrections legislation in fall 2017 and to transform healthcare services in correctional facilities.

Current Status

- MCSCS has agreed to report back to the Ombudsman every six months on its progress in addressing recommendations.

- MCSCS will address all recommendations in Sapers' interim report. Sapers' final report is expected in August 2017. Both reports will inform new corrections legislation, to be introduced in fall 2017.

- PO, CO, MCSCS, and Leg Counsel meet bi-weekly, and with MOHLTC and TBS monthly, to discuss progress on consultations, the draft legislation, and the Cabinet report back on healthcare transformation.

Key Risks

- High expectations for government to take action given media coverage and criticism about the use of segregation
- Significant financial resources and capital required
- OPSEU concerns regarding labour implications of healthcare transformation