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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 notes that 15 school boards across the province have confirmed participation in the pilots.

- MCYS and partner ministries to return to Cabinet in 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

- Since June 2, PRSO has sent application packages for Phase 1 (Hamilton/Thunder Bay) to 15,000 randomly selected addresses. Take up much slower than anticipated. 5 participants (3 from Hamilton, 2 from Thunder Bay) will be coming on board for the first payment date of July 25.
- PRSO is discussing potential options to increase the uptake and is considering different approaches which include:
  - Improved communications by reaching out directly to participants versus mailing envelopes. This may impact "randomization" so PRSO is consulting with experts on this approach;
  - Removing government logo on the envelopes to encourage potential participants to review information contained in the envelopes;
  - PO has recommended that the lead Ministers play a bigger role in outlining the benefits of testing this approach to encourage more participants. MO at PRSO is taking this recommendation under advisement in order to ensure that the integrity of the pilot remains intact;
  - PRSO anticipate that take up will increase by the next payment date of August 25.
- CO continues to work closely with PRSO through the weekly steering committee meetings. The next meeting is on Friday, July 14.

Current Status

- Announced phased pilot on April 24, 2017:
  - Spring 2017 (Phase 1): Up to 400 participants in Hamilton and Thunder Bay area
  - Fall 2017 (Phase 2): Increased to 4,000 participants and expanding to include Lindsay and a First Nation Pilot.

- Report backs in Summer/Fall 2017
  - TB/MBC (July 25) - Release holdback on additional funding ($25M/year)
  - Policy, TB/MBC (Sept/Oct): Update on progress/early outcomes from phase 1, approval for First Nation Pilot, and roll-out of phase 2.

- Governance:
  - Weekly PO/CO led Steering Committee meeting with MCSS/PRSO and TBS to support implementation.

  - Chair of Ministers' Advisory Council to be appointed (Ministers' letter).
  - Dr Kwame McKenzie appointed by OIC as Chair of Research and Evaluation Advisory Committee.

- Evaluation:
  - RFB issued week of June 12; bids received by late July; anticipate that 5 of the 6 organizations invited will bid.

- 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

Cannabis (04.56)

Recent Updates

- Briefing of the Premier by Ministers of MAG/MOF on June 14, 2017

Current Status

- Ongoing Policy Development
  - Public consultation expected to be rolled out beginning July 12
  - Meeting of key Ministers (MAG/MOF/MCSCS/MTO/MOHLTC) to be scheduled for July 2017.
  - Following the consultation period, Cannabis will track in for policy approval in late summer/fall including overall legislative framework, a retail model, and non-legislative initiatives including public education and youth and young adult prevention.
  - LRC in fall with legislation.
  - LRC in early spring 2018 with regulations.

- 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).

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 programs eligible to receive funding from the second auction tracking to 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; 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 early August, 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

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)

Recent Updates

- Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will meet to consider Bill 148 *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017* throughout the month of July:
    - Thunder Bay on July 10
    - North Bay on July 11
    - Ottawa on July 12
    - Kingston on July 13
    - Windsor-Essex on July 14
    - London on July 17
    - Kitchener-Waterloo on July 18
    - Niagara on July 19
    - Hamilton on July 20; and
    - Toronto on July 21, 2017
- MOL tracking to TB/MBC on program design August 16, 2017 (TBC).

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

- Multi-corners meeting with EDU and MOF on July 11 to discuss options (tax and non-tax measures) to mitigate impact of increased minimum wage on child care access and affordability. Discussion to inform report back to Cabinet in Fall 2017 on broader child care affordability review.

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):
    - Funding details announced April 28th
    - Municipal partners in the process of signing agreements; takes approximately 3 months to ramp spending (i.e. implementation)
    - School-based spaces will take 2-3 years to construct
- *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. Includes about:
    - $40M to support Ontario Early Years Child and Family Centres;
    - $100M to support additional fee subsidies; and
    - $5M for training and professional development.

Key Risks

- Continued federal funding
- Capacity of child care providers to create spaces
- 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:

- Housing Forum – Chaired by the Minister of Housing (with MOF/MMA Ministers). 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.
- Real Estate Business Brokers Act (MGCS) – changes to implement Fair Housing Plan commitments regarding "double ending"; amendments to be included in Fall 2017 Consumer Protection Bill
    - MGCS posted consultation paper on the reg registry on Friday seeking input on:
        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:

- Fair Housing Plan (16 point plan) approved on April 12, 2017 and announced April 20, 2017:
    - Measures to expand rent control were part of the amendments to the Residential Tenancies Act (rent control retroactive to April 20, 2017).
    - Tax measures, including non-resident speculation tax, came into effect on April 21, 2017.
    - MHO is proceeding to LRC on July 25, to proclaim the sections of the RFA related to landlord's own use for September 1, 2017.
    - Three groups are being established:
        - Development Approval Roundtable – 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, with the 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. TB/MBC submission for FTEs tracking to July 25
    - Housing Forum – Chaired by the Minister of Housing (with MOF/MMA Ministers). Participant s include housing experts, economists, academics, developers, community groups and the real estate sector.
- Outstanding program design:
    - DC Rebate Program (MHO/ MOF) - targeted program for New Multi-Residential Construction (TB/MBC summer 2017, Launch Fall 2017).
    - Affordable Housing Lands Program (MOI/MOF/MHO) - leveraging provincial land assets for affordable housing (TB/MBC approved June 14, 2017 and disposition OIC at June 27 LRC) forwave 1, which would include 3 sites (Grenville/Grosvenor and 2 WDL)

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

Recent Updates

- Weekly meetings scheduled on various components of the LTEP proceeding as scheduled
- LTEP Cab sub briefings for PO scheduled for July 12 and 24.

Current Status

- Targeting Cabinet approval in Summer 2017 (tbc: July 26) Subsequent submission for approval of final LTEP document and OEB/IESO implementation directives anticipated in summer 2017.

- Governance - Weekly meetings (Energy, PO, CO –policy+comms)

- Energy also is 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).
    - Cabinet direction may be needed in advance of Quebec issuing an anticipated request for proposals (RFP) to New York and Massachusetts States by end of July 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) and a proclamation OIC to transition the OESP program to government funding once the IESO variance account is depleted.

Current Status

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

Key Risks

- The proposal 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.
- 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.
- Ministries have been asked to identify a lead ADM by July 12th.
  - Key partner ministries include: MAESD; MAG; MCI; MCSS; MCSCS; MOF; MOHLTC; MTO; TBS; MHO; MMA; MNDM

Current Status

- The Strategy is in the very preliminary stages of development, but it is anticipated that it will be announced in Fall 2017

- Over the next two weeks, key partner ministries will develop potential initiatives (including costing) for MSA/PO/CO's consideration.

- A series of multicorners will be scheduled from July 27th to August 4th to finalize initiatives to be included in Strategy, which is tracking to 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
- 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

- 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).
- The US can post its negotiating objectives for NAFTA as early as July 17th.
- Negotiations can begin 30 days after the objectives are posted.

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.
- Broader Global Trade Strategy seeking policy approval (Cabinet July 26, 2017)
- MRIS is leading initial work on the development of an Intellectual Property Strategy, including NAFTA opportunities. Presentation to the DM's US Engagement Table week of July 10th or 17th
- The next Council of Federation meeting will be in Edmonton from July 17-19, 2017. NAFTA is on the agenda.

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 will provide 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.

- FPT ADM level working group meeting on May 31st provided initial indications of potential program design including outcomes-based funding, incrementality and provincial cost-sharing for municipal projects.

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

- 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 (Cab approval May 17th) to proceed to LRC in July (Fall introduction)

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

- Other targeted measures will also be explored.

Key Risks

LHIN Transformation (07.02)

Recent Updates

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

Current Status

- MOHLTC provides daily update reports noting any issues, including patient complaints. No major issues reported to date.
  - A total of 101 patient contacts related to transition have been received to date (91 neutral, 2 positive and 6 negative).

Key Risks

- Potential for disruptions to patient care or employees (though unlikely given smooth transition for all 14 LHINs).
- Expectations on a broader ‘transformation’ and improvements

OHIP+ and Other Public Drug Programs (07.16)

Recent Updates

- The first E-blast regarding OHIP+ was sent July 5, 2017. The E-blast was shared with key health stakeholders and included a factual overview of the program and noted where interested parties could get more information (including link to new OHIP+ website, dedicated email account).
- The Ministry is working on a letter to be shared with the Chiefs of Ontario (COO). Similar to the first E-blast, the letter would include factual information on the program and where to get more information. The letter would also serve as an open invitation for COO to engage with the Ministry on OHIP+ for the purposes of information sharing and dialogue on how to ensure interested Indigenous youth can participate in the program.

Current status

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

Tracking

- Ministry has indicated that January 1, 2018 implementation is on track

Key Risks

- Delivery/Implementation issues related to First Nations (as noted above), integration with existing private plans and allocation of savings from employers to employees
    - The Ministry continues to engage with private insurance companies to explore transition impacts as eligible Ontarians transition from private plans to OHIP+. Early indications suggest private insurance companies will continue to offer their plans as most plans are made available nation-wide (i.e. making provincial specific changes may not be practical). As such, current policy holders may continue to have coverage for drugs listed on private plans that are not covered through OHIP+.
- Overlap with ongoing FPT vision for universal national pharmacare. (Pharmacare to be discussed at upcoming Council of the Federation meeting).
- As a universal, open-ended program; financial projections to be re-evaluated during program design.

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 14th

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 in July 2017 for approval of new initiatives). Ministry intends to request a fast track to Cabinet to support public announcements in August, pending approvals
- 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 ministry's approved allocation)

Health Sector Payment Transparency (07.08)

Recent Updates

- July 16 – Ministry to invite 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
    - Ministry to share public consultation materials with CO (as information-only), in advance of release

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

Student Well-Being (K-12) (08.05)

Recent Updates

- EDU developing options on integrated student assessments to better reflect the integration of well-being and achievement for PO briefing meeting in July and policy tracking in August (August 17 MT:HSW).

Current Status

- The 2017 Budget announced $49 million over the next three years - EDU has developed a preliminary allocation of the funds.
- Engagement with stakeholders is underway and, based on feedback and input, EDU is developing a mechanism for collecting provincial indicators for well-being for implementation in 2018-19.
- EDU intends to report on the engagement and outline the plan to move forward in Fall 2017.

Key Risks

- Indicators to measure and drive progress around well-being have not yet been established and existing investment decisions may not fully align with, and drive progress on, the indicators which are ultimately selected.
- Boards have expressed that they are reluctant to report well-being data, based on a concern that the data may unduly influence decisions regarding school attendance (similar to the effect of EQAO scores).

Equity in Education (K-12) (08.03 and 08.04)

Recent Updates
N/A

Current Status

- EDU announced an internal organizational realignment that included the creation of an Education Equity Secretariat in April 2017.
- EDU is planning on releasing *Unlocking Student Potential Through Student Data* and the Equity Action Plan as a back-to-school announcement in September.
- 2017-18 Grants for Student Needs funding includes $2.9 billion in special education funding through the Special Education Grant.

Risks
- Focus on sub-populations could potentially have a negative impact educational and wellbeing outcomes of certain students.
- There is currently a lack of quality data on various sub-populations (e.g., indigenous graduation rate), which makes it difficult to develop programs and policies to improve key indicators.
- 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

- July 25 TB/MBC – Following earlier request in June, MAESD and partner ministries seeking approval to release some funding from holdback for HSW initiatives including related to experiential learning (TBC).

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.

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

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
N/A

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.
  - In Fall 2017, MAESD plans to seek approval for policy/regulatory changes to support the 2018-19 application launch.
  - MAESD also collaborating with EDU and MCYS on strategy to address non-financial barriers to PSE.

- Aboriginal Institutes: MAESD to report back to Cabinet in Fall 2017 on co-developed policy framework.

Key Risks

- Balancing delivery of 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).

Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan (08.17)

Recent Updates

- July 25 TB/MBC – Following earlier request in June, MAESD and partner ministries seeking approval to release some funding from holdback for HSW initiatives including related to Lifelong Learning and Skills Plan (TBC).

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 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 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:

- ADO leading cross-government implementation of *Access Talent: Ontario's Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities* released on June 5, 2017.

- MSW leading engagement on approaches to improve women's economic empowerment.
    - 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.

- 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 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 tracking to JEP 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 August 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

- 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
- Treasury Board Approval: TB/MBC July 25 with potential fast track to Cabinet July 26
- Legislative Approval: LRC August 29 with potential fast track to Cabinet August 31

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

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 to discuss progress on consultations and draft legislation.

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