MYAP Priorities

Autism (04.63)

Recent Updates:

- EDU pilots to begin in September 2017 on some school sites, and expanded over the 2017-18 school year. 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.
  - 365 EAs will be trained, around 20 for each participating school board.
  - The training would begin in January 2018, whereas the dedicated space would be available beginning in fall 2017.
- The pilots have not yet been communicated to the sector/stakeholders.
  - EDU/MCYS are to consult the Ontario Autism Program Advisory Committee on the implementation details of the pilots and report back to CO/PO. The date of this consultation with the OAP Advisory Committee is TBD, but will take place before the school year begins.
  - Once this information is received, PO will provide further direction to EDU/MCYS on a communications plan.

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).*
- 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, measured approach to integration of services in schools contrasted with high parent/guardian expectations

Basic Income Pilot (05.04)

Recent Updates

- PRSO is having ongoing discussions with Indigenous partners about the First Nation Pilot.
  - PO direction to continue co-design discussions, with a commitment to maintaining a "no strings attached" BI model within current Cabinet direction (e.g. 300 participants). PO will be engaging with the federal government to confirm their role in relation to the First Nation Pilot.
  - Given the additional time needed for engagement with Indigenous partners, the report back is likely to be pushed out from September to November 2017.

Current Status

- As part of Phase 1 (Spring/Summer 2017), the ministry is targeting the enrollment of up to 400 participants in Hamilton and Thunder Bay area.
  - To date, a total of 52 individuals have been enrolled in the pilot, with a further 233 individuals identified as eligible and waiting for determination. These individuals break down as follows:

	Hamilton	Thunder Bay	Total
Enrolled (received payment on August25)	36	16	52
New applications that meet eligibility criteria but participants are not yet enrolled*	141	92	233

*** 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.**

- As part of Phase 2 (Fall 2017), the ministry is targeting increasing to a total of 4,000 participants, including the addition of Lindsay and a First Nation Pilot.

Key Risks

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

Cannabis (04.56)

Recent Updates

- Briefedcore 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
- Multicorners held on Aug 10 and 11th to air issues including places of use, economic development, workplace safety, communications, youth and adult prevention, home cultivation and fire/building safety and enforcement.
- Fiscal Prep on August 16 including retail model, places of use, enforcement, communictions and home grow.
- Multi corners for week of August 21 on youth prevention, comms, enforcement and to follow up on questions from Aug. 16 FPC
- Deputy Minister's Steering Committee ongoing meetings

Current Status

- Ongoing Policy Development
  - Public consultation concluded July 31, with over 43,000 responses awaiting rolled up results Note: responses produced by bots will be excluded . Stakeholder consultations are ongoing, however, key meetings were completed August 10.
  - Updated tracking for approvals:
    - Cannabis (including retail, ageplaces of use, possession, homegrown, workplace safety, fire/building safety, youth/young/adult prevention): Cabinet September 6
    - Retail model: TB/MBC late September
    - Legislation: LRC October

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/MIRR).

Cap and Trade and GreenON (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 September/October; other new program rollout throughout the fall).
- Linkage agreement with Quebec and California tracking to Cabinet August 31:
    - The agreement represents a non-binding commitment between the signatories to harmonize and integrate their cap and trade programs and GHG reporting programs.
    - MOECC must also finalize linking regulatory amendments to allow allowances and credits from Quebec and California to be traded and used for compliance in Ontario, and vice versa by December 1, 2017.
- Post 2020 economy cap decline tracking to Cabinet August 31:
    - This establishes the annual emissions cap for 2021-2030; MOECC is recommending to base the 2021 cap on the current 2020 cap declining at an average annual rate of 2.9% to facilitate the achievement of Ontario's 2030 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction target of 37 per cent below 1990 levels. Annual rate needs still to be finalized with consideration of potential imported electiciry.

Key Risks

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

Changing Workplaces - Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs (04.45)

Recent Updates

- 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.
- MOL's program design proposal was approved at TB/MBC on August 16 and is tracking to Cabinet on August 31.

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. A meeting with PO has been set up on August 30 to discuss.
  RB to Cabinet on affordability tracking for October MT:HSW.

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:

- Review of Real Estate Business Brokers Act (REBBA) (MGCS) – changes to implement Fair Housing Plan commitments to limit "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 will 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 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:
    - 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, goal to identify any potential improvements for FES.Next roundtable meeting held August 24th with goal of presenting potential areas for action at the September roundtable meeting.
    - Housing Delivery Group – Led by the Provincial Development Facilitator (Paula Dill, reporting to Minister of Municipal Affairs); focus on specific projects.
    - Required TB/MBC and Cabinet approvals were received on July 25 and 26.

- The Minister of MMA will direct Ms. Dill to work with the Minister of Housing to lead negotiations to facilitate residential development projects, supported by the Housing Delivery Group. The Minister of Housing intends to send a letter to heads of council to advise of Ms. Dill's role in leading the group.
- 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 early October 2017(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

- On July 26, 2017 ENERGY received Cabinet approval of the LTEP initiatives and policy objectives of the IESO and OEB implementation directives.
- Initial PO briefings on LTEP modelling assumptions have taken place and further briefings scheduled on progress of Hydro Quebec discussions (Aug. 16), final modelling products (to be rescheduled), and LTEP communications approach (Aug. 22 and Sep. 6).

Current Status

- Tracking for Cabinet approval August 31on modelling outlooks for the 2017 LTEP, and to LRC Aug 29 with LTEP frequency regulation.
- Subsequent submission for approval of final LTEP document and OEB/IESO implementation directives anticipated in late summer/early fall 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 with a counter proposal on August 11 in advance of EMMC. 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 Fiscal Prep Committee on August 30th and seek policy approval of the strategy at HESP on Sept 12th/Cabinet Sept 20th.

Key Risks

- Short timeline to develop cross-government strategy and obtain necessary approvals (policy, TB/MBC) 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)
- 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).
- On August 2 Minister Chan wrote to his federal counterpart.
- Aug 14, Minister Freeland issued Canada's negotiation objectives
- Aug 16 Negotiations began
  - Multiple negotiating tables including Government Procurement, Labour, Financial Services, Investment, Digital Trade, Textiles, Small and Medium Enterprises, Legal & Institutional, Barriers to Trade etc.
  - PTs were briefed by Canada's NAFTA Chief Negotiator
  - A trilateral statement issued on Aug. 20 noting all three parties are committed to an accelerated and comprehensive negotiation process.
  - Going forward it was agreed that:
    - Strategy sessions will be held with PTs on the day prior to the opening day of the round; and
    - Federal negotiating leads will sit down with PTs during the round to discuss technical matters in the respective texts.
- The second round of talks is set September 1-5 in Mexico.

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.
- Tentative tracking to Sept 27 Cabinet with any required changes to negotiating mandate (as required).

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. A further update will be provided at MP/FPC in early to mid September (TBC).

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 fall 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

- 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".
- August 17 multicorners on the multi-point strategy, excluding potential tax measures

- 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 including: tax relier, improving procurement opportunities, fee reductions/vouchers, measures to support human capital (e.g. training), a Small Business Connects one window service through the Ontario Investment Office, peer to peer lending, BIA improvement fund, promoting exports and other measures to encourage growth and scaling up.

- Next multi-corners to be scheduled for the week of August 21, including a separate session on potential tax measures.

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

- On August 16, 2017, Cabinet approved a request to release $115M from hold-back and approved a new expenditure of $2.5M to proceed with implementation of OHIP+ in 2017/18.
    - New costs include funding for aerochambers for children who need them to administer asthma medication.
    - The ministry is tracking to LRC on August 29, 2017 with supporting OHIP+ regulatory amendments.
- MOHLTC has recently confirmed that private insurance companies will pickup any potential gap in delivery between private insurance and OHIP+.

Current status

- Ministry has indicated that January 1, 2018 implementation is on track. Implementat supported established processes, including:
    - Weekly email updates to affected stakeholders via email e-blast.
    - Biweekly steering committee meetings (including PO/CO).
    - Multi-ministry Directors Working Group.

Key Risks

- Implementation – Ministry is developing approach to address children and youth under age 24 who currently receive drug funding 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 committed 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

- Ministers' Table on Mental Wellness (MT: MW) established on June 14. Invitations have been sent to MT:MW members for the first meeting, scheduled for Aug 30, 2017.
    - Multi-corners on agenda items for the initial MT:MW meeting scheduled for August 24.

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 (Cabinet approved funding to support new initiatives under the strategy on July 26, 2017). CO approved the Ministry's request to fast track to Cabinet on July 26 to support public announcements in August, pending approvals
- 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.
    - Premier's Office is working to set up a P's briefing on the Opioid Crisis and Strategy, currently tracking for early September, with date to be confirmed.

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.
- On August 17, 2017, Cabinet approved the ministry's proposal to develop legislation that would require the medical industry to annually report transfers of value, at or above a set threshold, to recipients, such as health care professionals and organizations.

Current Status

- Following Cabinet approval on August 17, the ministry is tracking to LRC for August 29 to support the introduction of legislation in early fall 2017.

Key Risks

- Timelines to develop and introduce legislation are compressed, and require immediate Ministry action (launching consultations, developing policy submission, drafting legislation)
- Ministry's proposed approach includes introducing a legislative framework in fall 2017, and drafting and seeking required approvals on regulations in winter 2018 to refine the scope, including impacted recipients (e.g., health care professionals), threshold for public reporting of transfers of value, types of payments that would be covered.
    - Ministry proposes to continue consultations with stakeholders to support drafting of regulations.
    - Ministry will need to carefully consider how proposed legislation will communicated in fall 2017, given a number of details regarding disclosure continue to be refined.
    - Ministry will need
- Ministry confirms that the proposed legislation does not impact legislation that will be included in the health legislative bundle, tracking to LRC on September 11

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

Current Status

- Following HESP on August 17, EDU is tracking an "Achieving Excellence for the Whole Learner" policy submission to Cabinet on August 31.
- EDU intends to announce the proposed plan in the first week of school. This announcement will be linked with 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

- N/A

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 (October 3 MT:HSW)

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/MFA received policy approval (HESP/Cabinet – August 17) to move forward to establish a French-language university (e.g. develop legislation) within a "Francophone Hub", with student intake by September 2020.
  - This item is expected to track to a special TB/MBC meeting in late August (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. CO following up with MAESD for a status update.
- 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

- N/A

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 August 15, 2017, Bombardier filed an application with the Ontario Divisional Court claiming that Metrolinx unfairly prohibited them from bidding on this contract.
    - Metrolinx indicates that it excluded Bombardier to avoid a conflict of interest. One of the duties of the successful bidder will be to carry out an assessment of current operations and service providers, and because Bombardier holds the contracts to operate GO Transit and UP Express services until 2023, Metrolinx is of the view that Bombardier would not be able to oversee this function objectively.
- On June 14, 2017, Metrolinx issued the Notice of Commencement for the GO Electrification Environmental Assessment Transit Project Assessment ProcessWork 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 disputes with Bombardier

Transit and Transportation – Outside the GTHA

<u>Recent Updates</u>

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

Current Status

- HSR:
    - 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 September 2017
    - Work is ongoing to determine the scope of services that wouls be included in the planning procurement. Approval timelines TBC.
    - 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 (TBC)

Current Status

- HOT lanes:
    - MTO tracking to TB/MBC in September 2017 (TBC) with refined cost estimates for HOT lanes on Highway 427.
    - MTO will proceed to LRC in September 2017 with legislation/regulations to enable the implementation of HOT lanes.
- Intercommunity Bus:
    - MTO/MNDM presented options to PO at MC Aug 14 including revised program parameters and service delivery options for ONTC, as well as 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

- PRSI June 13/Cabinet June 14
- Major Projects August 10
- TB/MBC August 16/ Cabinet August 17
- LRC September 11/Cabinet September 20/Intro Early October

Current Status

- MCSCS and MAG consulted with police associations and First Nations groups on suspension without pay, probationary periods, and police officer status and do not intend to seek futher Cabinet approval on these items. PO, CO, MCSCS, MAG, and Leg Counsel meet weekly to discuss progress on both files.

- MCSCS and MAG 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 as part of a policing bill in fall 2017.

- The policing bill will also include new forensics oversight legislation, new missing persons legislation, and legislative amendments to the *Coroners Act*.

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.
- Aggressive drafting schedule will likely result in a significant number of amendments at committee.

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.

- Currently tracking for policy approval in October 2017 and legislative introduction in December 2017. MCSCS has requested earlier dates to accommodate an October 2017 legislative introduction.

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.

Ring of Fire (12.01, 12.02, 12.03, 12.04, 12.05)

Recent Updates

- MNDM and MIRR, and affected ministries, are close to finalizing the language of the Statement of Joint Commitments through the Joint Jurisdiction Working Group with Matawa First Nations.
- August 21, 2017, Premier made anannouncement regarding Ontario's work in partnership with Webequie, Nibinamik, and Marten Falls First Nations to support communities to construct year-round access roads to their communities and to the proposed developments in the Ring of Fire.

Current Status

- June 27, 2017- MNDM received approval to implement a willing partners approach to ROF infrastructure discussions, and conditional approval to enter into the Statement of Joint Commitments once finalized.
- MNDM continues to work with communities to support broadband connection application to the federal government's Connect to Innovate program, and implementing TPAs with above 3 communities for technical studies to support proposed road infrastructure, among other ongoing initiatives in the region.
- Progress on work under the RFA has been limited while discussions at the Joint Jurisdiction Table continue.

Key Risks

- Timeline- Unable to achieve alignment with First Nations and industry on road network development.
- Timeline- Impacts of road development raise broader consultation issues with other neighbouring Matawa-member First Nations, affecting timelines.
- Governance- Uncertainty on the role of the ROF Development Corp.
- Stakeholder / Perception- ENGOs concerned that work is proceeding on a piecemeal approach.
- Stakeholder / Perception- Inability to reach agreement on the Statement of Joint Commitments with First Nations resulting in additional relationship challenges.
- Stakeholder / Perception- Willing partner approach undermines the RFA agreement and the collective approach further complicating relationships with certain Matawa First Nations and potential breakdown of relationship.
- Financial- No matching commitment by the federal government for ROF infrastructure development. Provincial funding may be insufficient to fund the construction of community access roads to all communities and multi-use access to mining area.