

SPRING 2016 REPORT OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL OF CANADA

DEPARTMENTAL ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN
REPORT 3: The Governor in Council Appointment Process in Administrative Tribunals

INDIGENOUS AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS CANADA
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Recommendation	INAC Response	Action Plan
<p>3.44 Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, and Public Safety Canada should work with ministers, as well as tribunals, as early as possible to fill Governor in Council positions, in order to support continuity of operations. (3.36–3.43)</p>	<p>Agreed. However, this is on the clear understanding that in order to maintain the independence of the Specific Claims Tribunal Canada, officials from Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada will not advise ministers on the candidates to fill vacancies. The Department keeps a record of the names and terms of Tribunal members.</p>	<p><i>The Corporate Secretariat (Ministerial Planning and Co-ordination Unit) within Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada will continue to record the names and terms of Tribunal members and will share with the Minister's Office on a regular basis.</i></p>