

2016 Spring Report of the Auditor General of Canada
 Report 3: The Governor in Council Appointment Process in Administrative Tribunals
 Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada – Management Action Plan (October 31, 2016)

| OAG Recommendation | Department's Response | Actions | Target Completion Date |
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| <p>Paragraph 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.</p> | <p>Agreed. Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada officials will continue to support ministers and work with the Competition Tribunal, and other players in the appointment process, in order to support continuity of operations. The Department's efforts in this regard will fully reflect the government's new policy on Governor in Council appointments announced on 25 February 2016.</p> | <p>On February 25, 2016, the Prime Minister announced a new Governor in Council (GIC) appointment policy built on open, transparent, and merit-based selection processes, with an emphasis on gender parity and diversity. The new policy, which applies to all new appointments and to renewals, will result in the appointment of high-quality candidates who truly reflect Canada's diversity.</p> <p>Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada is working with the Minister's office, the Privy Council Office, and the Competition Tribunal to launch a timely GIC selection process for lay members in accordance with the new appointments policy.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> |