

## PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE - MANAGEMENT RESPONSE AND ACTION PLAN

to the recommendations of the First Performance Audit under the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (CNZEEA) - Fall 2023 Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (CESD)

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Para 79	The Privy Council Office should work with other federal entities to review the authorities, responsibilities, and leadership accountabilities relating to climate change mitigation. Based on its review, it should develop an action plan for changes needed to ensure that climate change mitigation is prioritized. It should make the action plan publicly available.	Agree. Climate change mitigation is a priority of the Government of Canada, and PCO is supportive of a review to ensure that the authorities, responsibilities, and leadership accountabilities remain as effective as possible. Areas and instruments which can be reviewed and could be leveraged include mandate letters, Cabinet committee structures and assignments, and alignments of ministerial and departmental powers, duties and functions. Changes to the machinery of government are a prerogative of the Prime Minister. Should the Prime Minister determine that changes or an action plan is merited after the completion of the review, PCO is supportive of making those changes public as appropriate.	Authorities, responsibilities, and leadership accountabilities, as well as the tools that support the exercise of such authorities, are optimally aligned to facilitate the achievement of the Government of Canada's ambitious climate change mitigation agenda.	Fall 2024	The Privy Council Office will undertake a review of existing authorities and mechanisms during spring/summer 2024 with the engagement of relevant departmental partners. If relevant, a proposal for potential machinery of government changes would be provided to the Prime Minister for consideration in Fall 2024.	Allen Sutherland, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet (Machinery of Government and Democratic Institutions) ; 613-957-5491	
Para 84	Environment and Climate Change Canada and the Privy Council Office should make substantive information from the integrated	Agree. PCO will work with other central agencies towards the publication of appropriate summaries of integrated climate lens analyses.	To provide greater public visibility into the environmental and economic considerations	December 31, 2026	Together with other Central Agencies, PCO will support ECCC's work to develop and implement an action plan and key milestones for publication of appropriate	Director of Operations, Climate Secretariat	

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	<p>climate lens analyses publicly available in order to meet the intent of the lens. The 2030 Emissions Reduction Plan states the lens is to integrate “climate, economic and inclusivity considerations to inform policy development and decision-making across federal departments.”</p>		<p>that supported federal decision-making, departments will release public statements summarising their assessment findings and report annually on how environmental and economic considerations are incorporated into decision-making processes.</p>		<p>summaries of integrated climate lens analyses. This includes work to support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Securing approval for updates to government-wide policies (e.g., Cabinet Directives) (by March 31, 2024)</li> <li>ii) The rollout of ECCC guidance to departments and agencies on transparency requirements. PCO role would be to support PCO analysts with training and capacity building (ongoing as of April 2024)</li> <li>iii) ECCC’s review of the effectiveness of updated government-wide policy, including with respect to transparency requirements (by March 31, 2026).</li> </ul>		