

# Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTERS

In accordance with the *Transparency and Accountability Act*, we are pleased to present the Annual Report for the Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

The Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat was an entity of Executive Council responsible for coordinating the Provincial Government's intergovernmental policies and strategies, managing all government's activities related to Aboriginal Affairs, managing federal-provincial agreements and negotiating and implementing comprehensive land claims agreements. The Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat was led by the Minister for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs.

On October 9, 2013, the Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat was restructured, with the Intergovernmental Affairs branch merging with the Department of Municipal Affairs to become the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Aboriginal Affairs branch merging with the Labrador Affairs Office to become the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office. Throughout this report, the term "Secretariat" refers to both the former Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat and the branches of entities that continued work in 2013-14 to advance the activities outlined in the Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs' 2011-14 Activity Plan.

Hard work, dedication and teamwork within the Secretariat have enabled us to meet the objectives outlined in this report. With energy, enthusiasm, and diligence, we will continue the work of both the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office in 2014-15 and beyond. As the Ministers responsible, we are proud of the accomplishments of the Secretariat and anticipate further success for Intergovernmental Affairs and Aboriginal Affairs as branches of new and separate entities.

We wish to acknowledge the leadership of the Honourable Felix Collins, who was Minister of Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs from April 1 to October 8, 2013, and Steve Kent, who was the Honourable Minister of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs from October 9, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

This report addresses the Secretariat's activities from April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014. The report was prepared under our direction, and we are responsible for the actual results reported.



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**The Honourable Dan Crummell**  
Minister of Municipal  
and Intergovernmental Affairs



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**The Honourable Nick McGrath**  
Minister Responsible for Labrador  
and Aboriginal Affairs

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## ORGANIZATIONAL OVERVIEW

At the beginning of 2013-14, the Secretariat consisted of two branches: Intergovernmental Affairs and Aboriginal Affairs. On October 9, 2014, these branches were separated and located within new entities: the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office, respectively. 2014-17 performance plans for the new entities are available at:

[http://www.miga.gov.nl.ca/publications/strategic\\_plans/index.html](http://www.miga.gov.nl.ca/publications/strategic_plans/index.html) and  
<http://www.laa.gov.nl.ca/laa/publications/index.html#g1>.

The Secretariat led the formulation of government's intergovernmental and Aboriginal policies and strategies, while monitoring and coordinating interdepartmental initiatives to ensure their consistent application. This included recommending strategic approaches to federal-provincial-territorial and Aboriginal relations and negotiating and implementing intergovernmental and Aboriginal agreements in consultation with relevant departments. The Secretariat was also responsible for policy areas that do not fall under the responsibility of other entities and are usually in federal constitutional jurisdiction, including defence and foreign affairs.

22 people (12 males and 10 females) staffed the Secretariat in 2013-14, not including the minister's office and position vacancies. The Secretariat had offices in the Confederation Building, St. John's on the 6th and 7th Floors, East Block.

A general breakdown of the Secretariat's revenues and expenditures may be found on pages 38-39 of this report.

## MANDATE

The mandate of the Secretariat was derived primarily from the *Intergovernmental Affairs Act*, and relevant provisions from the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Notice under the *Executive Council Act*.

The Secretariat's mandate was to:

- participate in and be a party to the negotiation of all proposed intergovernmental agreements, as well as negotiate and ensure the effective implementation of land claims, self-government and other agreements related to Aboriginal governments and organizations;
- coordinate and develop the policies, programs and activities of the government and its agencies that support Aboriginal and intergovernmental issues and relations in the province;
- continually monitor, review and evaluate the policies, programs, activities and services of the government and its agencies ensuring the perspectives of Aboriginal people are considered;
- continually monitor, review and evaluate the policies, programs, activities and services of the government and its agencies with respect to intergovernmental relations;
- advance the social and economic well-being of Aboriginal people in the province;
- provide public information and education in matters related to land claims;
- promote the military diversification and long-term operation of 5 Wing Goose Bay;
- act as the point of contact for the Federal Government where no analogous provincial department exists and act as the lead entity for the development of intergovernmental policy; and
- take necessary action to initiate, maintain or improve intergovernmental co-operation between the government of the province and sovereign governments.



## LINES OF BUSINESS

The Secretariat was responsible for the development, implementation and administration of provincial policies and associated agreements respecting intergovernmental and Aboriginal issues.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

**POLICY AND PLANNING:** The Secretariat was responsible for monitoring and analyzing intergovernmental dimensions of constitutional, social, fiscal, economic and resource policy matters in order to formulate and provide policy advice on the development of government's intergovernmental strategy and agenda. The Secretariat had a legislated mandate to be a party to all intergovernmental agreements on behalf of the province. This ensured strong policy continuity across different policy areas to achieve the best results for Newfoundland and Labrador.

**SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY:** Policy formulation derived from an ongoing review and analysis of all intergovernmental issues relating to social and economic matters. These issues included education; immigration; labour market programs; labour relations; health; social services; women's policy; housing; justice; internal and international trade; industry and economic development; transportation and infrastructure; emergency preparedness; protocol; foreign affairs; innovation; research and development; child, youth and family services policy; and national defence. It was also responsible for the identification and analysis of the province's intergovernmental priorities.

**RESOURCE AND FISCAL POLICY:** Policy formulation derived from an ongoing review and analysis of all intergovernmental issues relating to constitutional, fiscal and resource policy matters. These matters included federal presence; fisheries and oceans; agriculture; environment; tourism, culture and recreation; parks; forestry; energy; mining; wildlife; government services; crown lands; and fiscal arrangements. It was also responsible for the identification and analysis of the province's intergovernmental priorities.

**SUPPORT AND COORDINATION:** The Secretariat built relationships with other governments and international entities to advance the province's interests. The Secretariat advocated for Newfoundland and Labrador at bilateral, multilateral, regional and international intergovernmental meetings and conferences to promote Newfoundland and Labrador's positions on matters of importance to this province. The Secretariat further promoted the province's interests by assisting entities in their participation in intergovernmental meetings and negotiations, and their negotiation of intergovernmental agreements.

In lieu of a provincial department of defence, the Secretariat acted as a liaison for military officials and community stakeholders while representing the provincial interest. In recent years, this liaison work focused on the Department of National Defence and on issues of mutual interest affecting 5 Wing Goose Bay, 9 Wing Gander and CFS St. John's, as well as advocating for improved search and rescue capabilities across all marine activities.

International activities also fell within the responsibility of the Secretariat. In collaboration with other government departments, the Secretariat was responsible for the coordination of policies, programs and activities of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in relation to other sovereign governments.

## ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

**POLICY AND PLANNING:** The Secretariat, in collaboration with other provincial public entities, negotiated and implemented agreements with the Federal Government and Aboriginal governments and organizations; liaised with other jurisdictions and provincial/national Aboriginal organizations; and managed intergovernmental relations with respect to Aboriginal issues.

In doing so, the Secretariat aimed to ensure that provincial policies, programs and services considered the views of Aboriginal people in the province, mainly through the provision of advice to departments and agencies and participation in provincial horizontal initiatives. It also participated in inter-jurisdictional working groups and committees, including with national Aboriginal organizations, to advance Aboriginal interests.

**LAND CLAIMS, SELF-GOVERNMENT AND OTHER AGREEMENTS:** The Secretariat represented the province in negotiations with the Federal Government and Aboriginal governments / organizations towards land claims, self-government, devolution and other agreements. The Secretariat was responsible for ensuring the implementation and management of these agreements, and providing leadership and advice with respect to any duty to consult Aboriginal organizations that may be owed by the Provincial Crown.

**SUPPORT AND COORDINATION:** The Secretariat assisted and coordinated other interdepartmental and regional initiatives. The Secretariat liaised with other Aboriginal ministries and assisted in the management of intergovernmental relations on national Aboriginal issues.

## VISION

The Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat's vision was of a strong, self-reliant, vibrant province, including Aboriginal communities, that is prosperous, inclusive, and respects diversity.

## SHARED COMMITMENTS

In nearly all aspects of intergovernmental relations, shared commitments were central to the strategic directions of government advanced through the Secretariat's work. These strategic directions include advancing equitable treatment of Newfoundland and Labrador in the Canadian federation and the province's best interests with governments in Canada and abroad; enhancing the social and economic well-being of Aboriginal people in the province; and promoting the military diversification and long-term operation of 5 Wing Goose Bay and Canada's other military installations in Newfoundland and Labrador.

For example, to promote the long-term operation of 5 Wing Goose Bay the Secretariat worked with provincial departments and agencies such as the Labrador Affairs Office, Environment and Conservation, and Innovation, Business and Rural Development. To assess equitable treatment in the federation with respect to the Federal Government's presence in Newfoundland and Labrador, provincial departments and agencies provided the Secretariat with information about developments in federal staffing and the need for federal services. In preparation for intergovernmental meetings and in its relationships within the federation, the Secretariat worked with all government departments and agencies to understand their issues and analyze, assist and develop policy positions.

The Secretariat worked closely with the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Advanced Education and Skills, Nalcor Energy and Memorial University of Newfoundland to advance the province's interests with the People's Republic of China. The Secretariat provided strategic policy support and assistance leading up to a June trade mission and the signing of a cooperation agreement with Zhejiang Province and an education agreement between the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. The cooperation agreement is intended to promote trade and investment opportunities and facilitate exchange in the area of post-secondary education, while the education agreement addressed the mutual recognition of higher and post-secondary education qualifications.

The Secretariat also worked with the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development, the Department of Advanced Education and Skills, the Department of Natural Resources, and business and education representatives to prepare and conduct the Atlantic Premiers' mission to Brazil from October 21-25. Highlights of the mission included a bilateral meeting with representatives of Vale and two research and innovation round tables (one in Sao Paulo and one in Rio de Janeiro) on opportunities for joint research between Brazilian and Atlantic Canadian institutions. The round tables profiled investment opportunities in Newfoundland and Labrador to an audience of Brazilian businesses currently investing in Canada that are looking to expand their investments in Canada. A meeting with representatives of the University of Sao Paulo, Memorial University and the Marine Institute also took place addressing plans to jointly deliver a Remotely Operated Vehicle Technical Diploma program that could see Brazilian students studying in St.

John's as early as 2015. Newfoundland and Labrador business leaders noted many other successful outcomes.

On Aboriginal issues, the Federal Government has constitutional jurisdiction over and a fiduciary responsibility for Aboriginal people, and offers a variety of funding programs for people of Aboriginal descent. The programs and services provided by the Provincial Government to Aboriginal people are typically delivered by other departments or entities.

Virtually all the Secretariat's Aboriginal activities in 2013-14, including those for which it is the designated lead, such as implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA), land claims negotiations with the Innu and intergovernmental agreement negotiations, involve collaboration with one or more public entities or Aboriginal groups/governments. These collaborative efforts support the government's strategic direction to advance the well-being of Aboriginal communities.

Also, by working closely with other provincial departments and agencies, the Secretariat contributed to fulfilling the strategic direction to ensure the perspective of Aboriginal people was reflected in provincial social policy and programming by participating in horizontal initiatives such as the Poverty Reduction Strategy and the Violence Prevention Initiative. The Secretariat also worked with other departments that lead major economic developments to ensure that Aboriginal land claims and treaty rights were respected. This supported government's strategic direction to ensure any developments proposed for areas in which Aboriginal rights have been asserted or proven appropriately consider Aboriginal interests.

In light of these realities, in 2013-14, the Secretariat provided a coordinating and advisory role on working groups in a variety of policy areas. Some of these include the:

- Aboriginal Affairs Working Group;
- Air Access Committee;
- Business Continuity Planning;
- Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement Negotiations Committee;
- Committee on Climate Change, and Energy Efficiency;
- Committee on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities;
- Department of Child, Youth and Family Services Transition Advisory Committee;
- Early Childhood Learning Strategy;
- Environmental Management and Planning Consultative Committee;
- Healthy Aging Strategy;
- Health Services Integration Fund;
- Hopedale Environmental Remediation Stakeholder Committee;
- Newfoundland and Labrador Administrative Data Identifier Standard;
- Northern Strategic Plan;

- Poverty Reduction Strategy;
- Social Housing Strategy;
- Steering Committee for Arctic Opportunities; and
- Violence Prevention Initiative.

While the advancement of government's strategic directions applicable to the Secretariat requires a focus on significant commitments shared with other departments and agencies, achievement of the Secretariat's planned objectives also requires significant collaboration within government and other partners. Further examples of collaboration are illustrated throughout this report where relevant.

## HIGHLIGHTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2013-14, the Secretariat worked to support the province's interests on both the national and international stage. Key priorities continued to focus on support to the Premier, Minister for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs and other ministers in their meetings and exchanges with other sovereign governments and Aboriginal organizations.

The Secretariat worked in collaboration with departments and agencies to advance Newfoundland and Labrador's priorities with the Federal Government, either directly with federal ministers, government departments and agencies or in multilateral meetings. The following is a list of the Secretariat's activities on key priorities in 2013-14.

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

The *Intergovernmental Affairs Act* provides that the Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs or his or her designate shall be a party to the negotiation of each intergovernmental agreement and that each shall, before execution, be submitted to the minister and shall be signed by the minister or his or her designate. The province entered into 69 new or renewed agreements with governments to provide a range of funding, benefits and services to the people of Newfoundland and Labrador in 2013-14. Of these, 58 were with the Federal Government. A list of agreements signed in 2013-14 may be found at the end of this report.

A key priority for the Secretariat in 2013-14 was to ensure agreements between sovereign governments contained appropriate language, supported the principles of partnership and respected the constitutional division of powers.

### MULTILATERAL MEETINGS

In 2013-14, the Secretariat contributed to numerous intergovernmental meetings. The Premier, ministers and department officials received timely analysis and information about the political, administrative, fiscal and economic status of Newfoundland and Labrador and other jurisdictions as well as policy developments and positions of the federal, provincial and territorial governments. This is linked to the province's strategic directions of self-reliance and equity in the federation as noted in the 2011-14 Activity Plan.

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### THE COUNCIL OF ATLANTIC PREMIERS

The Council of Atlantic Premiers (CAP) was formed in 2000 to strengthen relationships among the Atlantic provinces, improve economic competitiveness and the quality and cost-effectiveness of public services, and develop regional positions on national issues.

Newfoundland and Labrador attended the 22nd meeting of the Council of Atlantic Premiers in White Point, Nova Scotia, on April 29, 2013. At this meeting, premiers discussed the impact that major regional projects are having on job and revenue growth, as well as apprenticeship, skills training, small and medium-sized businesses, labour market agreements, employment insurance, federal

presence, infrastructure, procurement, international trade, and energy security. On this last point, Atlantic Premiers rallied around a position that is important to Newfoundland and Labrador – the open and non-discriminatory cross-jurisdictional transmission of energy.

At the White Point meeting, premiers undertook to carry out three major initiatives. The first was a pan-Atlantic consultation and research initiative aimed at better understanding the impact of federal changes to the Employment Insurance (EI) program. The second was a trade mission to Brazil, which Atlantic Premiers recognize is a fast-growing economy offering a number of opportunities for business, education and government stakeholders across a suite of sectors, including information and communications technology, oil and gas, bio- and ocean technologies, aerospace and defence, agrifood and seafood. The mission was carried out in October 2013. The third initiative was that premiers agreed to harmonize apprenticeship programs in order to improve labour mobility and ensure Atlantic employers have access to the skilled workers they need.

Following the April 2013 CAP meeting, premiers announced the launch of a pan-Atlantic consultation and research initiative in an effort to determine the full impacts of recent changes to the EI program by the Federal Government. The work involved the striking of a blue ribbon panel to review changes to EI and assess their impacts, as well as making recommendations in a report to premiers. A report by Deloitte was also commissioned to determine the impacts of the changes.

Four panelists were appointed who undertook regional consultations, as well as met with experts on EI (Service Canada and the Employment Insurance commission), EI claimants, businesses, community groups, workers groups and political representatives from across the four Atlantic Provinces. In Newfoundland and Labrador, Commissioner Iris Petten met with industry and employee stakeholder groups. Officials from the Secretariat, the Department of Advanced Education and Skills and the Department of Finance supported the consultation sessions and the work of the panel.

For more information on the Council of Atlantic Premiers, including communiqués issued after meetings and further information on the White Point meeting, the Brazil mission, apprenticeship harmonization, and the EI panel, see the website at: [www.cap-cpma.ca](http://www.cap-cpma.ca).

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## THE COUNCIL OF THE FEDERATION

Founded in 2003, the Council of the Federation enables premiers to work collaboratively to strengthen the Canadian federation by fostering a relationship among the provinces and territories, and between provinces and territories and the Federal Government. The objectives of the Council are to promote interprovincial-territorial cooperation, foster meaningful relations among governments, and show leadership on issues important to all Canadians. The Council held its annual summer meeting in July 2013 at Niagara-on-the-Lake and its annual fall meeting in November 2013 in Toronto. The Secretariat, in consultation and collaboration with other departments and agencies across government, provided strategic advice and support to the Premier during these meetings.

At the summer 2013 meeting, premiers discussed a variety of issues including: skills and training, international relations and trade, immigration, infrastructure and job creation, energy, disaster mitigation, the Canada Job Grant, mental health, affordable and social housing, and retirement

income. Newfoundland and Labrador served as co-lead, along with Alberta and Manitoba, on the Canadian Energy Strategy (CES). As part of the work as co-lead, a Canadian Energy Strategy Progress Report was drafted and released by premiers. This report identified the new vision and principles for the CES, highlighted the important work done by provinces and territories, and identified challenges as well as potential opportunities facing Canada's energy sector.

During the fall 2013 meeting, premiers focused on skills training (including the Canada Job Grant), modernizing fiscal arrangements, enhancing retirement income, strategic infrastructure investment, rail transportation, promoting foreign investment and expanding international trade.

Also significant to Newfoundland and Labrador and in recognition of the national importance of search and rescue throughout Canada, the province was able to secure the support of all premiers to call upon the Government of Canada to improve search and rescue response times, and conduct a thorough review of marine safety. Premiers also called upon the Federal Government to reconsider its decision to close a number of Marine Rescue Sub-Centres and Marine Communications Traffic and Service Centres throughout Canada.

For more information about the Council of the Federation, including the communiqués issued by the Council following these meetings, and about the CES Progress Report, visit the Council of the Federation's website at: [www.councilofthefederation.ca](http://www.councilofthefederation.ca).

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#### PREMIERS' MEETING WITH LEADERS OF THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ORGANIZATIONS

On April 17, 2013 Ministers of Aboriginal Affairs met with National Aboriginal Organization Leaders in Winnipeg, MB as part of the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group. The Secretariat provided relevant materials, strategic advice and on-site support to the minister on issues discussed such as Aboriginal education, economic development, ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls, Aboriginal housing and disaster mitigation. Ministers supported the National Aboriginal Organization Leaders call for a National Inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women.

The minister also represented the province at the interim Aboriginal Affairs Working Group meeting in Winnipeg, MB on November 19, 2013. Provincial and Territorial Ministers of Aboriginal Affairs, along with National Aboriginal Organization Leaders, met to discuss the progress to date in the areas of education, economic development, housing, ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls and emergency management. The Working Group was joined by the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. This meeting was in advance of the annual Aboriginal Affairs Working Group meeting, which was held in May 2014.

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#### THE CONFERENCE OF NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS AND EASTERN CANADIAN PREMIERS

The New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers have been meeting since 1973 to develop and broaden economic ties among member states and provinces, exchange information on matters of common importance, such as energy, the environment and sustainable development, and coordinate programs and policies.



The 37th Annual Conference was held in La Malbaie, Quebec, on September 9, 2013. Topics addressed by the premiers and governors included energy, alternative fuel vehicles, transportation, climate change, and rail transportation. This meeting provided the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador with an opportunity to highlight with regional counterparts two matters of importance for this province: mutual aid in emergency situations and the potential of the Muskrat Falls hydroelectric project to help the region meet its clean, renewable and cost-effective energy needs.

Other highlights of this meeting included a presentation from the New England States Committee on Energy (NESCOE) on opportunities for Canadian hydro exports and a unanimous resolution to develop energy policies on clean energy supply and trade in a manner that strengthens the economy and maximizes the overall environmental benefits for the region. More information on the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers can be found at: [www.cap-cpma.ca/](http://www.cap-cpma.ca/).

The Secretariat provided support to the host jurisdictions by participating in regular conference calls to identify priorities and issues and plan the agendas. Further, Intergovernmental Affairs staff worked with departments to develop and formulate policy advice to the Premier on all matters of social, economic, fiscal and resource policy related to the work of governors and premiers.

## VISITING INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARIES

The province hosts numerous international dignitaries each year, who come to meet with the Premier, the minister, other cabinet ministers, and various government officials. The Office of Protocol (Executive Council) advises on matters of protocol and organized state and ceremonial events. The Secretariat supported the Premier and the minister for the Secretariat for such meetings by providing research and strategic advice. In 2013-14, the Secretariat was involved in hosting 10 visits from foreign dignitaries.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE

The Secretariat is the lead provincial entity for national defence matters. It assisted the Department of National Defence in navigating the provincial system to seek regulatory approvals for its activities and to facilitate interactions with departments and agencies, ranging from queries on wildlife and environmental matters, Crown land issues, and broader communications related to issues of provincial interest. This one-window approach ensured that often multi-faceted issues were strategically resolved.

The Secretariat, in consultation and collaboration with Fire and Emergency Services – NL and the Departments of Justice, Fisheries and Aquaculture and Natural Resources, continued to advocate for needed federal improvements to SAR processes, infrastructure, assets and personnel in Newfoundland and Labrador. Included in this was representation made to the Government of Canada during the Quadrennial SAR Review. The final report is the result of national consultations on search and rescue. As part of these consultations, Newfoundland and Labrador indicated its concerns regarding SAR resources, response times and other gaps that may hinder overall SAR readiness. The Secretariat worked with other government departments and agencies to draft the

province's submission, available at: <http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2013/exec/0726n11SAR.pdf>.

The Provincial Government recognized the importance of ensuring a strong federal presence in Newfoundland and Labrador, in particular through the continued operational activities of the Department of National Defence at 5 Wing Goose Bay. Recognizing this, the Secretariat continued to advocate for increased federal presence in the province and monitored federal activities at 5 Wing Goose Bay. The province has long held that 5 Wing Goose Bay maintains a critical role to play in maintaining Canada's northern sovereignty and helps to position Newfoundland and Labrador as a primary gateway and staging ground to enhanced security in Canada's North.

On defence and search and rescue matters, the Premier and ministers wrote to the Federal Government on numerous occasions. The Provincial Government continued to inform the Federal Government of the importance of military installations in this province and advocated for fulfilment of commitments to improve search and rescue service in Newfoundland and Labrador.

### BAY ST. GEORGE MI'KMAQ POWWOW

In July 2013, the Bay St. George Mi'kmaq held its 7th annual Powwow, which was attended by the Minister for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs. The Powwow brought together traditional dancers, drummers, spiritual leaders and elders from across the Mi'kmaq Nation to celebrate their traditions, culture and spiritualism.

### ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION POLICY

On April 23, 2013, the province released the Aboriginal Consultation Policy (Policy) for land and resource development decisions. The overall objective of the Policy, which was developed by the Secretariat in consultation with appropriate government, Aboriginal and industry parties, is to improve efficiencies, facilitate addressing potential impacts on asserted Aboriginal rights and produce a more effective approval of permits and authorizations. This will support and encourage sustainable economic development in areas of Labrador and ensure Aboriginal organizations with asserted rights in such areas are given opportunity to raise any potential adverse impacts on those asserted rights from development activities. Model Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines will be drafted to outline the processes for Aboriginal consultation on land and resource decisions. The Secretariat will continue ensuring the consideration of Aboriginal issues and concerns during the development of provincial policy, programs and services. This consideration is supported by providing an Aboriginal perspective, striving to help progress the economic and social well-being of all Aboriginal people and their communities, and maintaining optimism for future opportunities

### MIAWPUKEK FIRST NATION SELF GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE

On November 8, 2013 the Miawpukek First Nation, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada signed a Self-Government Agreement-in-Principle, marking the beginning of negotiations towards a Self-Government Final Agreement that will provide Miawpukek First Nation with greater flexibility and control in the development and delivery of its programs and

services to its members living in Conne River. Those negotiations are ongoing, and are being led by the Secretariat on behalf of the province given its lead role in negotiating the Agreement in Principle.

## REPORT ON MISSION

The mission statement identified the priority focus areas of the Minister from 2011-17. It represented the key longer-term, six-year results that the Secretariat would work to achieve. The mission also identified the measures and indicators that would assist in monitoring and evaluating the Secretariat's activities. To this end, the mission was founded upon the need to ensure that the province is positioned to advance its relationships with other governments, including Aboriginal governments and organizations. This mission guided the work of the Secretariat to promote Newfoundland and Labrador's interests in the areas of intergovernmental and Aboriginal relations.

In 2011 the Secretariat adopted the following statement:

*By March 31, 2017, the Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat will have advanced Newfoundland and Labrador's best interests with sovereign governments in Canada and abroad as well as with Aboriginal governments / organizations, while advocating for the progression of the social and economic development of Aboriginal communities in the province.*

Due to the restructuring of the Secretariat, the mission cannot be reported on at the end of the six-year mission cycle. This section reports on progress in advancing achievement of the mission at the midway point of the six-year mission cycle. New mission statements have been prepared for the successor entities to the Secretariat and are available in the 2014-17 performance plans for the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office.

### MEASURE 1: ADVANCED THE PROVINCE'S INTERESTS

#### **Indicator: Participated in intergovernmental fora and supported the Premier and Ministers**

The Secretariat provided support to premiers and ministers at a variety of intergovernmental fora including the Council of the Federation, Council of Atlantic Premiers, Aboriginal Affairs Working Group, and New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers and participated in a variety of committees at the ministerial and officials levels to support these efforts.

#### **Indicator: Provided analysis of federal-provincial-territorial issues to clients and formulated intergovernmental policy and strategy where appropriate**

The Secretariat continually developed approaches to meet government's intergovernmental priorities. The Secretariat offered advice and guidance on appropriate terms and conditions in intergovernmental agreements. Throughout the negotiation of intergovernmental agreements, the Secretariat worked to reach the optimal terms and conditions for Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Secretariat provided support to the Premier, Cabinet and ministers, in consultation with departments, for all major intergovernmental meetings. This work included the development of intergovernmental advice and guidance on issues of importance to Newfoundland and Labrador.

#### **Indicator: Worked with departments and entities to develop the province's positions on intergovernmental issues**

The Secretariat played an important role in coordinating the intergovernmental activities of government departments and agencies to develop consistent positions on issues of importance to the province. This was accomplished through involvement in committees pertaining to intergovernmental activities and relations, providing advice on matters relevant to the province's relationships with other sovereign governments, and working with the various departments and agencies of government to facilitate a coordinated response on intergovernmental issues. This work contributed to consistent representations to other governments in meetings, correspondence and the media.

The Secretariat also worked to coordinate a consistent approach to the negotiation of intergovernmental agreements, policies and strategies. This included new emphasis on streamlining the negotiation of programs and agreements by seeking multi-year arrangements.

**Indicator: Made representations to other governments to promote the province's interests**

The Secretariat wrote numerous letters to foreign governments and officials. The minister and the Secretariat also met with ambassadors, ministers, and officials on numerous occasions throughout this period to advocate for the province. These interests included effective search and rescue services for the people of the province, equitable fiscal arrangements, and adequate federal presence in the province.

**Indicator: Ensured that intergovernmental and international agreements yield the best possible results for the province**

The Secretariat developed strategies for ensuring agreements with other governments yield the best possible results for the province. This included identifying problem areas in agreements and solutions for problem clauses. The Secretariat worked with other departments to make sure common goals and strategy were used in pursuing intergovernmental agreements.

**MEASURE 2: ADVANCED THE PROGRESSION OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES AND CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT NEGOTIATED AGREEMENTS**

**Indicator: Worked with the Federal Government regarding federal investment and policies that are reflective of the needs and opportunities in Aboriginal communities**

Working jointly with the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group (AAWG), the Secretariat continually advocated for federal policies and investment reflective of the needs and opportunities in Aboriginal communities. The AAWG strives for economic development, education, ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls, Aboriginal housing, disaster mitigation and emergency management in Aboriginal communities. The AAWG sought federal participation in the working group's process, since the Federal Government has a constitutional, jurisdictional and fiduciary responsibility for Aboriginal people in Canada. These efforts have had occasional successes with federal officials attending AAWG meetings from time to time.

**Indicator: Facilitated and coordinated stakeholder group meetings**

The Secretariat continues to meet with Aboriginal governments / organizations on an ongoing basis to advance the progression of social and economic development of Aboriginal communities. The

Secretariat facilitates and coordinates meetings with the Innu Nation and the Federal Government to advance the negotiation of Land Claim and Self Government agreements toward final agreements and with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Federal Government through the Implementation Committee to continue the implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. The Secretariat also facilitated and coordinated stakeholder group meetings to provide information, brief on the status and seek the views of the appropriate stakeholders on a variety of issues including the management of the George River caribou herd and the environmental cleanup of the former military site at Hopedale.

**Indicator: Progressed the implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement measured against obligations in the treaty, the implementation plan and subsidiary agreements**

The Secretariat is a member of the tripartite Implementation Committee with the Federal Government and the Nunatsiavut Government. This Committee, which is responsible for overseeing and monitoring implementation of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA), met regularly to discuss implementation issues.

Each year the province and the Nunatsiavut Government negotiated and signed a funding agreement respecting the province's one third share of the funding for the Dispute Resolution Board which is mandated to deal with disputes that may arise under the LILCA.

Each year a tripartite funding agreement for each of the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board and the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-management Board was negotiated and signed between the Provincial Government, the Nunatsiavut Government, the Federal Government and each of the board chairs.

The province, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Federal Government met several times to discuss renewal of the LILCA Implementation Plan which expires on December 1, 2015. The Implementation Plan is essentially a guide to implementation of the LILCA.

Parties to the LILCA met to discuss renewal of the Nunatsiavut Government Own Revenue Capacity Agreement which also expires on December 1, 2015.

The province participated in negotiations with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Federal Government on a new five year Fiscal Financing Agreement, a subsidiary agreement to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement. Negotiations were subsequently concluded with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Federal Government on the new Fiscal Financing Agreement.

The province contributed every year to the LILCA Annual Report which is published by the LILCA Implementation Committee.

**Indicator: Contributed to progress in the development of other agreements**

The Secretariat, in collaboration with other provincial departments and agencies, negotiates and implements agreements with the Federal Government and Aboriginal governments and organizations; liaises with other jurisdictions and provincial/national Aboriginal organizations, and manages intergovernmental relations with respect to Aboriginal issues.

A tripartite Innu Land Rights Agreement-in-Principle between Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador and Innu Nation (AIP), the Lower Churchill Project Innu Impacts and Benefits Agreement (IBA), and

the Upper Churchill Redress Agreement (UCRA) were ratified by the Innu on June 30, 2011. Such received overwhelming support from both Innu communities of Natuashish and Sheshatshiu.

The AIP was ratified by Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador and signed by the parties on November 18, 2011. Immediately upon signing, the IBA and the UCRA came into effect. The AIP forms the basis for ongoing treaty negotiations between the Innu, Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador. Once the agreement has been finalized, the Innu will claim authority to make laws in areas such as child, youth, family services, education and health. Innu will also receive economic benefits from resource development in their settlement area.

Final agreement negotiation sessions continue to take place on a monthly basis between the Provincial Government, Federal Government, and the Innu Nation. The parties continue to reduce the number of outstanding issues and continue to negotiate the Final Agreement and Implementation Plan along with legal/technical drafting.

November 8th, 2013 marked the beginning of negotiations towards a Self-Government Final Agreement with the signing of a Self-Government Agreement-In-Principle with the Miawpukek First Nation, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Government of Canada. Such an agreement will provide Miawpukek First Nation with greater flexibility and control in the development and delivery of its programs and services to its members living in Conne River. These negotiations are ongoing.

# REPORT ON PERFORMANCE

## ISSUE 1: EQUITY IN THE FEDERATION

A strong federation has strong provinces and territories that work together in the interests of their citizens. The Secretariat worked to advance Newfoundland and Labrador's interests as a full partner with other provinces and territories and the Federal Government. In order to do this, Newfoundland and Labrador had to build and maintain productive relationships. This included supporting the Premier's and ministers' attendance at intergovernmental meetings, such as the Council of the Federation, the Council of Atlantic Premiers, the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers, First Ministers Meetings and ministerial meetings. It also required the Secretariat to develop analysis of federal-provincial-territorial issues for its clients and to help coordinate intergovernmental activities across the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Of particular importance was the Secretariat's role in protecting federal programming and employment in this province while advocating, where appropriate, for enhanced federal employment and programming in the province, commonly referred to as federal presence.

The Federal Government has sole responsibility for national defence. The Secretariat acted as the lead provincial entity for these matters.

This issue addresses a strategic direction as noted in the 2011-14 Activity Plan.

**Objective:** By March 31, 2014, the Secretariat will have promoted Newfoundland and Labrador's right to equitable treatment in the federation.

**Measure:** Promoted Newfoundland and Labrador's right to equitable treatment

### Indicators / Performance:

Indicator	Strategic approaches undertaken to promote increased federal presence in Newfoundland and Labrador
Performance	<p>Through 2013-14 the Federal Government continued its efforts to lower spending where possible while the Secretariat engaged in a range of activities in order to ensure that Newfoundland and Labrador is not disproportionately impacted by adverse federal actions. The Secretariat therefore continued its work to ensure federal responsibilities and programming are maintained and even expanded in the province as circumstances require.</p> <p>Efforts in the past year included: research and analysis to support the Premier and minister; the preparation of correspondence; and the active participation in meetings directly or tangentially related to federal presence issues. When appropriate, specific proposals were provided to federal officials that highlighted instances where enhanced federal presence was necessary. The Secretariat also focused on addressing</p>



specific instances of federal job losses and service cuts while monitoring those federal reductions that could potentially result in program downloading.

Throughout 2013-14 the Secretariat prepared materials for the Premier and minister to facilitate efforts to lobby the Federal Government to maintain appropriate capacity in the province.

On June 26, 2013, Newfoundland and Labrador secured a commitment from the Government of Canada not to reduce the province's number of federal jobs below 1.9 per cent of total jobs, the same percentage of jobs in place before austerity measures were introduced under the Economic Action Plan 2012.

However, ongoing federal austerity continued to make regular consultation with provincial departments regarding federal presence a critical focus of the Secretariat. In the role of departmental liaison across departments, the Secretariat provided timely and consistent information and advice while addressing information gaps. Over the past year, the Secretariat continued to collaborate with provincial departments and agencies to both identify strategic opportunities and develop advocacy approaches regarding specific cuts that reduce federal presence. The Secretariat continued all reasonable efforts to maintain a good working relationship with other provinces and territories through intergovernmental fora such as the Council of Atlantic Premiers, to develop a consistent and effective coordinated approach to federal reductions and potential federal downloading.

Indicator	Strategic approaches undertaken to promote military diversification and long-term opportunities for 5 Wing Goose Bay and other military matters where appropriate
Performance	<p>On defence and search and rescue matters, Provincial Government representatives wrote the Federal Government on numerous occasions. The Secretariat continued to inform the Federal Government of the importance of military installations in this province and advocated for adherence to past commitments to improve search and rescue service in Newfoundland and Labrador.</p> <p>In July 2013, the province was also able to secure the support of the Council of the Federation to call upon the Government of Canada to improve search and rescue response times and conduct a thorough review of marine safety.</p> <p>The Provincial Government continued to assert that 5 Wing Goose Bay has a critical role to play in maintaining northern sovereignty and position our province as a primary gateway to Canada's North. Throughout 2013-</p>

14, government representatives wrote the Government of Canada to discuss how the province can assist with efforts that would facilitate future opportunities for 5 Wing and to press the Federal Government on commitments on military diversification relating to 5 Wing Goose Bay.

In December 2013, the Government of Canada released the first Quadrennial SAR Review Report. The report is the result of national consultations on search and rescue including extensive input from Newfoundland and Labrador. As noted under the highlights section of this report, the Secretariat worked with other departments and entities to draft the province’s submission for the Quadrennial Review, available at: [http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2013/exec/0726n11\\_SAR.pdf](http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2013/exec/0726n11_SAR.pdf).

In this submission, Newfoundland and Labrador raised its concerns regarding SAR resources, response times and other gaps that may hinder overall SAR readiness.

Indicator	Advocated and made representations to the Federal Government, provinces and territories on issues of importance to the province as they arise
Performance	The Secretariat prepared information for the Premier, minister and deputy minister and met extensively with federal officials as necessary to promote the interests of Newfoundland and Labrador. The minister wrote letters to provincial, federal and international counterparts advocating for issues of importance to the province, including search and rescue services, federal cuts to Veterans Affairs, reductions in federal presence, 5 Wing Goose Bay and Canada Post. Further, the Secretariat worked with other departments to coordinate other intergovernmental correspondence to ensure opportunities to highlight intergovernmental priorities were taken and that a consistent approach was taken on issues when dealing with other governments.
Indicator	Coordinated interdepartmental intergovernmental activities
Performance	<p>The Secretariat played an important role in coordinating the intergovernmental activities of government departments to ensure the consistent application of the intergovernmental policies of the province. This was accomplished through involvement in committees pertaining to intergovernmental activities and relations, providing advice on matters relevant to the province’s relationships with other governments, and working with the various departments and agencies of the government to facilitate a coordinated response to intergovernmental issues. This work contributed to consistent representations to other governments in meetings, correspondence and the media.</p> <p>The Secretariat also worked to coordinate a consistent approach to the</p>

negotiation of intergovernmental agreements, policies and strategies. This included a new emphasis on streamlining ongoing and recurring programs by seeking multi-year agreements. By providing advice to departments and agencies throughout the negotiation of intergovernmental agreements, the Secretariat worked to maximize benefits to the province and ensure strong advocacy for the interests of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Secretariat participated in numerous interdepartmental committees addressing issues that are intergovernmental in nature. These committees have a focus on advancing the province's interests in an intergovernmental context and the role of the Secretariat is to ensure that the interests of all government departments are taken into account.

The Secretariat continued to work with departments to ensure that the Premier, Cabinet and ministers were provided with accurate and timely advice on intergovernmental issues. The Secretariat also monitored the positions and statements of other governments and advised departments and agencies as appropriate on these matters. This informed Government of the positions of other governments, whether within Canada or beyond.

## ISSUE 2: SELF-RELIANCE

Newfoundland and Labrador engages governments, including the Federal Government, on its own terms. Newfoundland and Labrador has demonstrated self-reliance both at home and on the world stage. Being self-reliant means taking an active role in promoting the province's priorities instead of being dependent on the Federal Government to protect the province's interests internationally.

The Secretariat works to formulate intergovernmental policy that represents the province's best interests, works to ensure intergovernmental agreements signed by the province also are in its best interest, and builds relationships with national, sub-national and international governments and international entities, including through premier and ministerial participation in such intergovernmental fora as the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers.

**Objective:** By March 31, 2014, the Secretariat will have worked to initiate, maintain and advance Newfoundland and Labrador's best interests with governments in Canada and abroad.

**Measure:** Worked to advance Newfoundland and Labrador's best interests with governments in Canada and abroad.

### Indicators / Performance:

Indicator	Supported the advancement of the province's jurisdictional ownership and effective control of petroleum and other resources in the waters adjacent to Newfoundland and Labrador
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Performance	<p>The Secretariat collaborated with the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Department of Justice as well as other provincial departments and agencies to develop comprehensive analysis of issues related to the effective control of resources in the province's offshore area. The Secretariat monitored Canada's submission related to the extended continental shelf under United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and coordinated with and received briefings from federal officials.</p> <p>The Secretariat worked with the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture and the Department of Natural Resources to monitor the offshore boundary issue between Newfoundland and Labrador and Quebec.</p> <p>The Secretariat continued to participate in senior officials committee work regarding the Canada-Newfoundland and Labrador Coastal Ocean Management Committee (CNLCOM). With the Secretariat's participation and support, CNLCOM continued activities identified by senior officials including healthy ecosystems, collaborative and effective governance, and, sustainable resource use. CNLCOM has progressed from the planning phase to implementation and targeted engagement.</p> <p>The Secretariat also continued to participate in the Provincial Coastal and Ocean Network, working on areas of federal and provincial collaboration such as marine protected area planning, aquatic invasive species and information sharing.</p>
Indicator	Formulated intergovernmental policy to promote self-reliance
Performance	<p>The Secretariat continually develops approaches to meet government's strategic directions related to intergovernmental priorities. The Secretariat has offered advice and guidance on appropriate terms and conditions in intergovernmental agreements, the Canada Jobs Grant and labour market funding, and jurisdictional issues related to the Newfoundland and Labrador offshore area.</p> <p>All of these areas contribute to a more self-reliant province. Through negotiation of intergovernmental agreements on such matters as optimal terms and conditions for Newfoundland and Labrador and the defending of provincial policy aims in the negotiation of the Canada Job Grant, the Secretariat defended provincial jurisdiction from federal encroachment. Work undertaken on jurisdictional offshore issues advanced the province's claim to potential valuable resources that may provide economic security for future generations.</p> <p>With Newfoundland and Labrador serving as a co-chair of the Canadian Energy Strategy, the Secretariat participated in co-chair committee and provincial-territorial conference calls, as well as in those of certain teams</p>

	<p>responsible for developing the Strategy's content. The Secretariat also interacted regularly with the Department of Natural Resources, the Office of the Premier and other entities to ensure that the interests of Newfoundland and Labrador, as a global leader in energy production and innovation and as owner of its energy resources, are represented in and served by the Strategy. Canadian Energy Strategy co-chair duties included active participation in the preparation of a 2013 progress report.</p>
Indicator	<p>Conducted analysis and provided input to ensure intergovernmental agreements are in the province's best interests</p>
Performance	<p>The Secretariat signed 69 intergovernmental agreements in 2013-14. This included 58 agreements with the Federal Government. All agreements were negotiated in a consistent manner to ensure the province's best interests were supported. The Secretariat reviewed the agreements and worked with departments to eliminate problem clauses, seek better terms for the province and ensure that agreements promote provincial aims and directions.</p>
Indicator	<p>Contributed to building our own relationships with national and sub-national governments, within Canada and abroad, and international entities</p>
Performance	<p>The Secretariat supported the Premier, ministers and departments in building relations with national, sub-national and international governments. Examples of support include daily issue and jurisdictional monitoring, the preparation of briefing materials, logistical support around meeting participation, and support to departments and agencies in their interactions with federal, provincial, territorial and/or foreign counterparts and in the development of provincial positions on various policies.</p> <p>The Council of the Federation, which is the meeting of Canada's Premiers, met on July 24-26, 2013 and November 15, 2013. The Secretariat participated in preparations for the meeting through conference calls and meetings of officials and provided support for the Premier's participation.</p> <p>The Council of Atlantic Premiers met in White Point, Nova Scotia on April 29, 2013.</p> <p>The Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers was held on September 8-9, 2013 in La Malbaie, Quebec.</p> <p>The Minister represented the province at the interim Aboriginal Affairs Working Group meeting in Winnipeg, MB on November 18-19, 2013.</p> <p>For all intergovernmental meetings, the Secretariat was active in</p>

developing meeting agendas, preparing common and province-specific positions, and preparing conference logistics in collaboration with departmental, provincial, territorial and state colleagues.

As highlighted in the shared commitments section of this report, trade missions to Brazil and China were also undertaken in 2013-14 to promote innovative Atlantic business and post-secondary education opportunities. More than 75 business and education leaders from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador visited São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro from October 21-25, 2013. Newfoundland and Labrador's business delegation included twelve business and education delegates representing Atlantic Minerals; GRI Simulations; Marine Industrial Lighting Systems; Rutter; SubC Control; and, Memorial University's Faculties of Business Administration and Science, the Marine Institute, Grenfell Campus, and International Centre.

The Secretariat worked with the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development, the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Advanced Education and Skills, Nalcor Energy and Memorial University of Newfoundland to prepare and undertake a trade mission to China in June 2013. The mission was led by then-Premier Kathy Dunderdale and provided a valuable opportunity to showcase the province's tremendous investment opportunities to potential Chinese investors, particularly those in the natural resource sectors. Outcomes also included signing a cooperation agreement with Zhejiang Province and an education agreement between the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China. While in China, the Premier and members of the Newfoundland and Labrador delegation met with the National Development and Reform Commission, Hebei Iron and Steel, Chinese National Offshore Oil Company and the Sinopec Group.

The Secretariat was also an active member of the Council of the Federation's Steering Committee and Senior Officials' Committee, the Council of Atlantic Premiers' Management Committee and Management Committee Officials' Committee, and the Conference of New England Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers' Coordinating Committee, as well as the preparatory committees of the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group.

The Secretariat's work as part of the Arctic Opportunities Working Group helps advance relations with Nunavut, Greenland and other Northern jurisdictions at a time when Arctic opportunities are increasing,

The Secretariat was also responsible for overseeing the province's preparations for these meetings by participating in regular conference calls and meetings with officials from other provinces and departments by engaging in ongoing issue and jurisdictional monitoring. The Secretariat

also supported the Premier's participation in these meetings through the preparation of briefing materials and the development of policy advice in partnership with departments.

The Secretariat prepared the minister and Premier for bilateral meetings with the Federal Government. In 2013-14, the Minister for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs participated in meetings with his federal counterpart regarding issues relating to marine safety, defence and infrastructure. The Secretariat prepared briefing materials for these meetings.

In 2013-14, the Secretariat was involved in hosting 10 visits from foreign dignitaries. As noted in the highlights section of the report, the Secretariat provided research and strategic advice for these meetings, which often have significant outcomes for the province. For example, a November 14, 2013 visit by Secretary of State for Maryland John P. McDonough resulted in discussion towards creating a more formal relationship between our jurisdictions to promote common interests.

Through all its activities, which include ongoing dialogue with departments and central agencies, the Secretariat was able to ensure that the interests and priorities of Newfoundland and Labrador were appropriately represented at all intergovernmental meetings attended by the Premier.

### ISSUE 3: ABORIGINAL INTERESTS

People of Aboriginal descent have unique social and economic needs, resulting from historic, social, cultural, and geographic factors. Government policy and programs that do not reflect these unique needs that arise from the noted factors are less likely to advance the social and economic development of Aboriginal people in the province. The vision and mission of the Secretariat includes ensuring that government policies and programs are appropriately adapted or modified to account for these unique needs in order to promote the effective social and economic development of Aboriginal communities of the province. The Secretariat continues to advocate for the appropriate consideration and integration of these unique needs into provincial programs and services.

The Secretariat plays a key role in ensuring that information and advice regarding Aboriginal interests inform decisions on government policy and programs. This can be achieved by encouraging communications and partnerships with governments, Aboriginal people, communities, organizations and other stakeholders.

**Objective:** By March 31, 2014, the Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat will have provided input to support Aboriginal interests in government policy and programs.

**Measure:** Provided input

**Indicators / Performance:**

Indicator	<p>Provided input on Aboriginal perspectives in the development of government policy and programs</p>
Performance	<p>The Secretariat advocates the perspectives of Aboriginal people. Such is accomplished through attending committee meetings, developing and sharing papers, and offering input into interdepartmental working groups.</p> <p>The Secretariat and other provincial departments and agencies continue to work together to ensure Aboriginal perspectives are always considered when developing policy, programs, and initiatives. Throughout 2013-14, the Secretariat actively participated in a number of horizontal initiatives and interdepartmental working groups, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal Affairs Working Group;</li> <li>• Business Continuity Planning;</li> <li>• Committee on Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Emissions Trading;</li> <li>• Committee on the Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities;</li> <li>• Department of Child, Youth and Family Services Transition Advisory Committee;</li> <li>• Early Childhood Learning Strategy;</li> <li>• Environmental Management and Planning Consultative Committee;</li> <li>• Healthy Aging Strategy;</li> <li>• Health Services Integration Fund;</li> <li>• Hopedale Environmental Remediation Stakeholder Committee;</li> <li>• Newfoundland and Labrador Administrative Data Identifier Standard;</li> <li>• Northern Strategic Plan;</li> <li>• Poverty Reduction Strategy;</li> <li>• Skills Task Force;</li> <li>• Social Housing Strategy;</li> <li>• Steering Committee for Arctic Opportunities;</li> <li>• Violence Prevention Initiative;</li> <li>• Provincial Coastal and Ocean Network;</li> </ul>



- Canada-Newfoundland Coastal Ocean Management Committee;
- Innu Round Table; and
- Interdepartmental Land Use Committee.

Indicator	Government consultations are supported to enable Aboriginal perspectives to be considered
Performance	<p>After consultation with Aboriginal organizations/governments, natural resource proponents, the public and relevant government agencies, the Aboriginal Consultation Policy (Policy) was released April 23, 2013. The Policy establishes the principles of and expectations for Aboriginal consultation on land and resource development decisions, and provides a framework by which government will discharge any Duty to Consult owed to Aboriginal organizations in an effective and transparent manner. The Secretariat has begun drafting Model Aboriginal Consultation Guidelines to provide a step-by-step guide for Aboriginal consultation on land and resource decisions contemplated by government which could adversely impact asserted or settled Aboriginal rights.</p> <p>The Secretariat is committed to working with all Aboriginal organizations asserting Aboriginal rights in Labrador on conservation and management of the George River Caribou Herd. In addition, the Secretariat continued work with other government entities in Aboriginal consultation activities including the Labrador West Transmission Line Project, Lower Churchill Generation Project, the Labrador-Island Transmission Link Project, the Kami Iron Ore Project, Joyce Lake Direct Shipping Iron Ore Project, numerous mineral exploration and mining development initiatives, and other developments in Labrador.</p> <p>Throughout the reporting period, the Secretariat met with project proponents on Aboriginal consultation activities for resource development in Labrador. The Secretariat also met with Aboriginal organizations in both Labrador and Quebec on consultation activities, on resource development and wildlife management.</p> <p>The Secretariat also coordinated government's relationship with Aboriginal organizations in the province through a variety of committees, meetings, teleconferences and negotiation tables, including the Innu Round Table, the Innu land claims and self-government negotiations and the Miawpukek First Nation self-government negotiations, who signed a Self-Government Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) November 8, 2013.</p> <p>The Secretariat managed the government-to-government relationship with the Nunatsiavut Government including participating in the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA) Implementation Committee, LILCA</p>

Implementation Plan renewal discussions, and other negotiations.

The Secretariat also interacted with the Nunatsiavut Government on a variety of issues, including the Hopedale remediation project, the Inuit Housing Needs Assessment (released March 19, 2014) and management of the George River Caribou Herd.

In 2013-14, the Secretariat ensured Aboriginal perspectives were considered in such areas as government consultations on forest management planning, pre-budget consultations, applications for Crown land, mining and mineral exploration, quarry permits, environmental assessments and wildlife management planning.

The Secretariat participated in an Atlantic community of practice and federal-provincial-territorial working group on Aboriginal consultation in order to learn from and share best practices with other jurisdictions.

Indicator	Facilitated Aboriginal women’s input on public policy, programs and legislation
Performance	<p>Aboriginal women’s issues are important when analyzing policy documents and providing advice to other departments. The Secretariat continues to use an Aboriginal women’s lens when providing input into public policy, program analysis and legislation.</p> <p>In November 2013, Secretariat officials met at a national level through its involvement with the Ending Violence Against Aboriginal Women Working Group, a sub-committee of the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group, to finalize the development of a Framework for Coordinating Action to End Violence Against Aboriginal Women and Girls.</p> <p>The Secretariat facilitates Aboriginal women’s input by connecting various Aboriginal women’s organizations with different departments and entities, such as the Women’s Policy Office; Health and Community Services; Child, Youth and Family Services; and Education.</p>
Indicator	Advised departments on consultation obligations with respect to Aboriginal governments / organizations on resource management and development in the province
Performance	All resource development applications and environmental assessment in Labrador are continuously reviewed by the Secretariat. Such review is conducted to ensure Aboriginal perspectives are considered and that Aboriginal organizations / governments are consulted appropriately. The Secretariat provides advice on mineral exploration referrals and applications, including Crown Land applications in Labrador.

	Throughout 2013-14, Aboriginal Affairs continued to provide support and advice on Aboriginal land claims and treaty rights to such Departments as Natural Resources, Transportation and Works, Environment and Conservation, and Service NL.
Indicator	Worked with the Federal Government regarding federal investment policies that are reflective of the needs and opportunities in Aboriginal communities
Performance	<p>Through the AAWG, the Secretariat advocated for federal investment policies that reflect the needs of Aboriginal communities. The priority areas of the AAWG include economic development, education, ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls, Aboriginal housing and disaster mitigation and emergency management in Aboriginal communities.</p> <p>The AAWG continued to seek federal participation in the AAWG process, as the Federal Government has a constitutional jurisdictional and fiduciary responsibility for Aboriginal people in Canada.</p> <p>The Secretariat supported the creation and enrollment process of the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, which increased federal investment provided to reach the needs of Aboriginal people in Newfoundland and Labrador.</p>

#### ISSUE 4: EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

People of Aboriginal descent in the province have aspirations influenced by their history, culture, and social and economic circumstances. The Secretariat plays a lead role in negotiating land claims and self-government agreements as well as building and maintaining cooperative relationships with Aboriginal governments / organizations. The Secretariat works with the Federal Government and Aboriginal governments / organizations to ensure they benefit from federal programs and services available to people of Aboriginal descent.

The Secretariat promotes sustainable social and economic development that strengthens Aboriginal communities by addressing, among other things, asserted Aboriginal rights, Aboriginal governance and effective intergovernmental relationships. Building on its historic first joint cabinet meeting, the government will strive to further improve the government to government relationship between the Provincial Government and the Nunatsiavut Government. A second joint cabinet meeting was held on May 16, 2013 which further strengthened the relationship between the two governments and allowed for discussion on a number of priority areas of mutual interest.

**Objective:** By March 31, 2014, the Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat will have promoted sustainable social and economic development that strengthens Aboriginal communities.

**Measure:** Promoted sustainable social and economic development.

**Indicators / Performance:**

Indicator	Worked with Innu Nation and Canada towards a final land claims agreement and implementation plan
Performance	<p>The Provincial Government, Federal Government and the Innu Nation continue to have final agreement negotiation sessions on a monthly basis. Through these negotiations the parties continue to reduce the number of outstanding issues and continue to negotiate the Final Agreement Implementation Plan along with legal / technical drafting.</p> <p>A final agreement will provide the Innu with the authority to make laws in a variety of areas such as child, youth and family services, education and health. It will provide economic benefits from resource development in their settlement area, as evidenced by the Tshash Petapen (“New Dawn”) Agreement.</p>
Indicator	Strived to achieve devolution agreements with the Innu Nation and the Federal Government on appropriate provincial programs and services
Performance	<p>The province is working with the Innu Round Table and the Federal Government in order to move towards developing a community-led enhanced prevention focused approach (EPFA) for child and family services for both Innu First Nations and the Miawpukek First Nation.</p> <p>The Secretariat is the provincial lead of the Innu Round Table, an Innu-led trilateral round table process addressing community health and healing initiatives for the Innu people of Labrador. The IRT aims to strengthen the relationship between the partners – Canada, Newfoundland and Labrador and the Innu people of Labrador – and improve co-operative decision making between the parties.</p> <p>The Secretariat, working with key departments and agencies, continued to work with the Innu and the Federal Government to develop a plan for devolution of income support, which is expected to take place in 2014-15.</p>
Indicator	Negotiated with the Nunatsiavut Government and the Federal Government devolution agreements in areas of provincial jurisdiction pursuant to the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement (LILCA) and its associated Fiscal Financing Agreement, upon the request of the Nunatsiavut Government
Performance	No work was done on this indicator as the Nunatsiavut Government has not yet approached the province to negotiate a devolution agreement.

Indicator	Strived to achieve a final self-government agreement with the Miawpukek First Nation and the Federal Government
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Performance	<p>The Miawpukek First Nation, the Government of Canada and the Provincial Government continued to negotiate an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). On November 8, 2013, the Honourable Nick McGrath joined the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and Chief Mi’sel Joe, of Miawpukek First Nation, to sign a Self-Government AIP. The AIP is an important achievement in signaling the beginning of Final Agreement negotiations and moving Miawpukek First Nation closer to self-government; providing greater flexibility and control in the development and delivery of programs and services, in a manner best suited to Mi’kmaq culture and values.</p> <p>The Agreement-in-Principle is the result of negotiations that began in 2004 among Miawpukek First Nation and the Federal and Provincial Governments. The parties signed the Self-Government Framework Agreement in 2005, which established a process to guide the Agreement-in-Principle negotiations. Miawpukek First Nation has developed and refined its vision for self-government based on extensive community consultations that have taken place throughout the negotiation process. As a self-governing First Nation, Miawpukek First Nation will provide for political and fiscal accountability in any constitution drafted in accordance with the eventual final agreement.</p>
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Indicator	Continued progress in the implementation of the LILCA
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Performance	<p>The Secretariat is a member of the tripartite Implementation Committee with the Federal Government and the Nunatsiavut Government. This Committee which is responsible for overseeing and monitoring implementation of the LILCA met twice in 2013-14 to discuss implementation issues.</p> <p>The province and the Nunatsiavut Government negotiated and signed a funding agreement for 2013-14 respecting the province’s one third share of the funding for the Dispute Resolution Board which is mandated to deal with disputes that may arise under the LILCA.</p> <p>In May 2013 a tripartite funding agreement for each of the Torngat Joint Fisheries Board and the Torngat Wildlife and Plants Co-management Board for 2013-14 was signed by the Provincial Government, the Nunatsiavut Government, the Federal Government and each of the board chairs.</p> <p>The province, the Nunatsiavut Government and the Federal Government met several times during 2013-14 to discuss renewal of the LILCA</p>
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Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan which came into effect on the effective date of the LILCA (December 1, 2005) expires on December 1, 2015. The Implementation Plan is essentially a guide to implementation of the LILCA.

Parties to the LILCA met to discuss renewal of the Nunatsiavut Government Own Revenue Capacity Agreement which also expires on December 1, 2015.

The province contributed to the LILCA 2012-13 annual report.

Indicator	Continued to work with the Federal Government regarding its constitutional responsibility towards the Aboriginal people of the province, in particular by providing Aboriginal programs and services to all eligible people of Aboriginal descent in the province
Performance	<p>The province continues to urge the Federal Government to further exercise its constitutional jurisdiction in relation to Aboriginal people.</p> <p>One example of this is that the province has conveyed to the Federal Government that the Inuit of Labrador are not receiving equitable federal housing funding when compared to the federal housing funding provided to other Inuit.</p> <p>Membership application deadline for the Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation (QMFN) was November 30, 2012. On July 4, 2013, a Supplemental Agreement (signed June 30, 2013) between QMFN and Canada was announced, which provided that all applications, including the more than 20,000 accepted members and the over 80,000 outstanding applications, will be reviewed to ensure fulfillment of the membership criteria (e.g., connection to the Newfoundland and Labrador Mi'kmaq community; exercise of traditional or cultural activities). Already-enrolled members may continue to avail of their Indian Status and benefits until the end of the review, expected in 2015-16, even if some are ultimately found not to be entitled to membership. The Secretariat continued to work with federal officials in order to increase efficiency during the application period to ensure timely issuance of provincial documents needed for these applications. Members of the QMFN can access federal programs and services for First Nations members such as Non-Insured Health Benefits and the Post-Secondary Student Support Program. The Provincial Government remains supportive of QMFN members accessing these services.</p>
Indicator	Continued to work with the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group
Performance	On April 17, 2013, representatives from the Provincial Government

attended an interim meeting of the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group for provincial and territorial ministers responsible for Aboriginal affairs and Leaders of the five National Aboriginal Organizations. The Aboriginal Affairs Working Group focuses on areas of economic development, education and ending violence against Aboriginal women and girls. Other areas for consideration include Aboriginal housing and disaster mitigation and emergency management in Aboriginal communities. The Aboriginal Affairs Working Group prepared a Progress Report, which was presented to Premiers and National Aboriginal Organization Leaders in July 2013 at the meeting in Ontario for review and approval. In November 2013, representatives from the Provincial Government attended an interim meeting of the Aboriginal Affairs Working Group for provincial and territorial ministers responsible for Aboriginal affairs and Leaders of the five National Aboriginal Organizations. At this meeting it was decided that Aboriginal housing would become its own sub-committee.

The Secretariat leads the preparation for these meetings as well as participation in the deputy ministers' and officials' committees throughout the reporting period.

Indicator	Advocated for the Federal Government to make a decision regarding the land claim of the NunatuKavut Community Council and continued to encourage the Federal Government to provide access to federal programs and services to members of NunatuKavut Community Council
Performance	In 2013-2014, the Secretariat discussed the NunatuKavut Community Council Inc.'s land claim with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and continued to urge the Government of Canada to make a decision on that claim.
Indicator	Considered the view of Aboriginal women respecting legislation, policy, programs and services
	The interests of Aboriginal women are considered when assessing, analyzing, developing, adapting and implementing policies and programs by collaborating with the Women's Policy Office, other departments, and various Aboriginal women's organizations.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013-14

	Budgeted \$	Revised \$	Actual \$
<b>MINISTER'S OFFICE*</b>			
Salaries	275,000	276,400	167,398
Employee Benefits	0	100	50
Transportation and Communications	45,000	44,900	9,693
Supplies	5,000	5,000	600
Purchased Services	5,000	5,000	540
<b>Total: Minister's Office</b>	<b>330,000</b>	<b>331,400</b>	<b>178,281</b>
	Budgeted \$	Revised \$	Actual \$
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL POLICY ANALYSIS AND COORDINATION</b>			
Salaries	707,400	718,400	612,136
Employee Benefits	0	0	22
Transportation and Communications	54,000	54,000	38,872
Purchased Services	0	200	149
<b>Total: Intergovernmental Policy Analysis and Coordination</b>	<b>761,400</b>	<b>772,600</b>	<b>651,179</b>
	Budgeted \$	Revised \$	Actual \$
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS EXECUTIVE SUPPORT</b>			
Salaries	235,800	240,000	216,557
Employee Benefits	1,000	2,000	1,980
Transportation and Communications	34,400	37,200	40,148
Supplies	16,000	16,000	2,906
Purchased Services	312,700	312,700	295,792
Property, Furnishings and Equipment	600	600	323
Grants and Subsidies	35,700	35,700	32,700
Revenue – Provincial	0	0	(192)
<b>Total: Executive Support Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	<b>636,200</b>	<b>644,200</b>	<b>590,214</b>



	Budgeted \$	Revised \$	Actual \$
<b>ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS POLICY, PROGRAMS AND COORDINATION</b>			
Salaries	756,500	776,800	775,689
Employee Benefits	1,000	1,000	100
Transportation and Communications	82,000	77,400	44,814
Supplies	14,300	14,300	12,390
Professional Services	15,000	15,000	0
Purchased Services	16,100	16,100	2,390
Property, Furnishings and Equipment	0	4,500	1,690
Grants and Subsidies	382,300	412,300	391,507
Revenue – Provincial	0	0	(12,908)
<b>Total: Aboriginal Affairs</b>	<b>1,267,200</b>	<b>1,317,400</b>	<b>1,215,672</b>

	Budgeted \$	Revised \$	Actual \$
<b>EXECUTIVE SUPPORT LABRADOR AND ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS OFFICE**</b>			
Salaries	896,400	869,200	794,262
Employee Benefits	6,000	11,200	11,100
Transportation and Communications	173,900	170,400	107,651
Supplies	12,000	10,500	6,120
Professional Services	6,000	6,000	0
Purchased Services	14,000	14,000	3,073
Property, Furnishings and Equipment	3,900	4,300	931
<b>Total: Executive Support Aboriginal Affairs</b>	<b>1,112,200</b>	<b>1,085,600</b>	<b>923,137</b>

Note: As the entity was dissolved in October there are no year-end total expenditures available. Total expenditures for the new entities of the Labrador and Aboriginal Office and the Department of Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs are available in the Report on the Program Expenditures and Revenues of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, available at: [http://www.fin.gov.nl.ca/fin/publications/2013-14\\_Report\\_on\\_Program\\_Expenditures\\_&\\_Revenues\\_of\\_the\\_CRF.pdf](http://www.fin.gov.nl.ca/fin/publications/2013-14_Report_on_Program_Expenditures_&_Revenues_of_the_CRF.pdf).

\* Minister's Office expenditures after October are included in the reporting of the new entities. Please consult the Report on the Program Expenditures and Revenues of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for further information.

\*\* These figures contain amounts for Executive Support of the Aboriginal Affairs Branch of the former Secretariat and the former Labrador Affairs Office as well as the current entity of the Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

## INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS SIGNED IN 2013-14

NL PARTY	OTHER PARTY	NAME OF AGREEMENT	Signed*
Department of Natural Resources (NR)	Agriculture & Agri-Foods Canada	GROWING FORWARD 2: AGRISTABILITY - PROGRAM GUIDELINES	Apr 4/13
NR	Agriculture & Agri-Foods Canada	GROWING FORWARD 2: AGRIINVEST - PROGRAM GUIDELINES	Apr 4/13
Department of Health and Community Services (HCS)	P/T Departments of Health	PAN-CANADIAN ONCOLOGY DRUG REVIEW (PCODR) CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT	Apr 17/13
HCS	P/T Departments of Health	PAN-CANADIAN ONCOLOGY DRUG REVIEW (PCODR) - MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING	Apr 17/13
HCS	P/T Departments of Health	PAN-CANADIAN ONCOLOGY DRUG REVIEW (PCODR) ATLANTIC BLOCK AGREEMENT	Apr 17/13
Department of Transportation and Works (TW)	Infrastructure Canada	THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE CANL INFRASTRUCTURE STIMULUS FUND AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE BAY BULLS BIG POND AND PETTY HARBOUR WASTE WATER PROJECTS TO MARCH 31, 2014	May 2/13
Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat (IGAA)	Dept. of Indian Affairs & Northern Development / Nunatsiavut Gov.	TORNGAT WILDLIFE AND PLANTS CO-MANAGEMENT BOARD - LILCA (APRIL 1, 2013 TO MARCH 31, 2014)	May 22/13
IGAA	Dept. of Indian Affairs & Northern Development / Nunatsiavut Gov.	TORNGAT JOINT FISHERIES BOARD (LILCA) APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014	May 22/13

<b>Department of Justice (JUS)</b>	Justice Canada	AGREEMENT RESPECTING FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE INTENSIVE REHABILITATIVE CUSTODY AND SUPERVISION (IRCS) PROGRAM	May 23/13
NR	Agriculture & Agri-Foods Canada	A BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT GROWING FORWARD 2: A F/P/T FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURE, AGRI-FOOD AND AGRI-BASED PRODUCTS POLICY	May 27/13
<b>Service NL (SNL)</b>	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	AGREEMENT WITH THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF ONTARIO FOR THE PURPOSED OF NL'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MORTGAGE BROKER REGULATORS' COUNCIL OF CANADA	May 28/13
JUS	Canada Revenue Agency	MOU - FOR THE PROVISION OF TAXPAYER INFORMATION FOR THOSE TAXPAYERS UNDER THE CARE OF THE PUBLIC TRUSTEE OF NL BETWEEN THE CANADA REVENUE AGENCY (CRA)& GOV OF NL	June 4/13
<b>Department of Environment and Conservation (ENVC)</b>	RCMP	CANADIAN FIREARMS SAFETY COURSE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING	June 6/13
<b>Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development (IBRD)</b>	FPT Departments of Industry	FOURTEENTH PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT ON INTERNAL TRADE (AIT) - JUNE 14, 2012	June 5/13
<b>Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation</b>	Canadian Heritage	INTERCHANGE CANADA ADDENDUM COVERING THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN EMPLOYEE	June 6/13

<b>(TCR)</b>			
HCS	Health Canada	AMENDING AGREEMENT #3, CONTRIBUTION - DRUG TREATMENT FUNDING PROGRAM (DTFP) PROJECT # 6559-01- 2009/7730070	June 12/13
<b>Premier's Office (PO)</b>	Zhejiang Province	AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FRIENDLY EXCHANGES AND COLLABORATION RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PROVINCE OF NL AND ZHEJIANG PROVINCE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	June 26/13
PO	Chinese Ministry of Education	MOU - ON THE MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF HIGHER AND POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF NL AND THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	June 26/13
<b>Department of Municipal Affairs (MA)</b>	Infrastructure Canada	CANADA-NL - TOWN OF HAPPY VALLEY GOOSE BAY - CANADA STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CSIF) AGREEMENT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT LAGOON SYSTEM 2011/12- 2014/15 (AMENDMENT NO. 1)	June 28/13
NR	Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada	AGRIRECOVERY FRAMEWORK GUIDELINES (VERSION 1 - APRIL 2013)	July 4/13
<b>Department of Advanced Education and Skills (AES)</b>	Employment & Social Development Canada	RENEWAL OF THE CANADA-NL LABOUR MARKET AGREEMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	July 12/12
<b>OCCEE (Office of Climate Change and Energy)</b>	Environment Canada	MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE DISCLOSURE OF AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION SUBMITTED	July 19/13

<b>Efficiency)</b>		UNDER SECTIONS 46 & 71 OF THE CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1999 ("CEPA 1989")	
<b>JUS</b>	Justice Canada	MOU - APPROVAL OF FEDERAL COURTS (APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014)	July 31/13
<b>SNL</b>	Public Works and Government Services Canada	MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE PROVINCE REGARDING BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTION AGREEMENT	Aug 5/13
<b>SNL</b>	Public Works and Government Services Canada	MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT (MOA) BETWEEN CANADA AND THE PROVINCE REGARDING ELEVATING DEVICES AGREEMENT	Aug 5/13
<b>SNL</b>	Public Works and Government Services Canada	MOA EXTENSION AGREEMENT BOILER AND PRESSURE VESSEL INSPECTION AGREEMENT (BETWEEN GOV OF NL & PUBLIC WORKS AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES CANADA (SEPTEMBER 30, 2013)	Aug 5/13
<b>TCR</b>	Atlantic Canada Departments of Tourism / ACOA / Provincial Tourism Industry Associations	MARKETING PROJECT CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT AS PER THE 2012-2015 ATLANTIC CANADA AGREEMENT ON TOURISM IN SUPPORT OF THE ATLANTIC CANADA TOURISM PARTNERSHIP (YEAR 2: APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014)	Aug 8/13
<b>JUS</b>	Justice Canada	MAJOR/MINOR AGREEMENT FOR PROSECUTION SERVICES	Aug 14/13
<b>Child, Youth and Family Services (CYFS)/JUS</b>	Justice Canada	AGREEMENT RESPECTING FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS (APRIL 1, 2013 -	Aug 15/13

		MARCH 31, 2018)	
JUS	Justice Canada	TRIPARTITE FUNDING AGREEMENT- MIAWPUKEK MI'KAMAWEY MAWI'OMI FIRST NATION 90005-6-2013-2	Aug 21/13
JUS	Justice Canada	AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOV OF CANADA (JUS) AND GOV OF NL (JUS & IGAAS) - FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR PROVINCIALY APPOINTED JUDGES (APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2014)	Sept 11/13
SNL	Industry Canada	BIZPAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL LETTER OF AGREEMENT (APRIL 1, 2013 - MARCH 31, 2018)	Sept 11/13
TW	DFO	MOA TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION AND CONTROL OF FEDERAL PROPERTY - POINT AMOUR	Sept 18/13
TW	Transport Canada	FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT, LABRADOR COAST AIRSTRIPS PROGRAM 2013-2016 PROGRAM VARIOUS AIRSTRIPS	Sept 23/13
Department of Finance (FIN)	Canada Revenue Agency	AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL TAX ADMINISTRATION LIAISON COMMITTEE	Sept 30/13
TCR	Heritage Canada	AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT: CANADA-GOVERNMENT OF NL BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON SPORT PARTICIPATION (#223791836)	Oct 2/13
SNL	Canada Post	CANADA POST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND	Oct 4/13

STATEMENT OF WORK			
<b>ENVC</b>	Parks Canada	SPECIFIED PURPOSE ACCOUNT AGREEMENT 2012-2017 RESPECTING THE MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE CANADIAN PARKS COUNCIL	Oct 4/13
<b>IBRD</b>	Department of Fisheries & Oceans	MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - REGARDING FISHERIES MANAGEMENT	Oct 15/13
<b>Human Resources Secretariat</b>	Public Works and Government Services Canada	INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON TRANSLATION SERVICES	Oct 30/13
<b>Department of Education (EDU)</b>	Industry Canada	INDUSTRY CANADA'S YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (2013-2014) (33G-510629)	Nov 7/13
<b>SNL</b>	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	MOA - COUNCIL OF INSURANCE REGULATORS (CCIR) BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF ONTARIO (FSCO) AND THE PROVINCE	Nov 19/13
<b>FIN</b>	Canada Revenue Agency	AMENDMENT 2 TO THE INCOME AND RESIDENCY VERIFICATION MOU (ORIGINALLY SIGNED MAY 12, 2011)	Nov 1/13
<b>Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs Office (LAAO)</b>	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada / Miawpukek First Nation	SELF-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT- IN-PRINCIPLE MIAWPUKEK FIRST NATION (CONNE RIVER)	Nov 8/13
<b>SNL</b>	Financial Services Commission of Ontario	MOA - CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF PENSION SUPERVISORY AUTHORITIES (CAPSA) BETWEEN THE FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION OF ONTARIO (FSCO) AND THE PROVINCE	Nov 19/13

FIN	Collateral Agent and Paying Agent for Government of Canada, Lead Arranger, Guarantee Assurance Agreement Finance Party, Security Trustee and Funding Vehicle Security Trustee, Nalcor Muskrat Falls Corporation and Labrador Transmission Corporation	MUSKRAT FALLS (MF) - LABRADOR TRANSMISSION ASSETS MASTER DEFINITIONS AGREEMENT	Nov 29/13
FIN	Collateral Agent for Government of Canada	GUARANTEE FOR LABRADOR TRANSMISSION ASSETS (LTA) EQUITY SUPPORT AGREEMENT	Nov 29/13
FIN	Collateral Agent and Paying Agent for Government of Canada, Lead Arranger, Guarantee Assurance Agreement Finance Party, Security Trustee and Funding Vehicle Security Trustee, Guarantee Assurance Agreement Finance Party, Nalcor Labrador Island Link Holding Corporation, Labrador Island Link Limited Partnership, Labrador Island Link Operating Corporation and Labrador Island Partner Corporation	LABRADOR ISLAND LINK (LIL) MASTER DEFINITION AGREEMENT	Nov 29/13
FIN	Collateral Agent for Government of Canada	GUARANTEE FOR MUSKRAT FALLS (MF) EQUITY SUPPORT AGREEMENT	Nov 29/13
FIN	Collateral Agent for Government of Canada	GUARANTEE FOR LABRADOR ISLAND LINK (LIL) EQUITY SUPPORT AGREEMENT	Nov 29/13
NR / FIN	Natural Resources Canada	INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING FEDERAL LOAN GUARANTEE FOR MUSKRAT FALLS (DATE OF	Nov 29/13



AGREEMENT NOV 29, 2013)			
SNL	Alberta Securities Commission	PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION AND A TRADE-MARK TRANSFER AND ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT WITH ALL CANADIAN SECURITIES ADMINISTRATORS TO TRANSFER A TRADE-MARK TO THE ALBERTA SECURITIES COMMISSION	Dec 16/13
AES	Statistics Canada	PROGRAMME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF ADULT COMPETENCIES (PIAAC) DATA SHARING AGREEMENTS	Dec 18/13
HCS	Health Canada	HEALTH CANADA POLICY CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM AMENDING AGREEMENT #1 - SUPPORT STRATEGIES FOR INTERNATIONALLY EDUCATED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (IEHPS) IN NL	Jan 9/14
TCR	Heritage Canada	GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN HERITAGE CANADA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM, CULTURE & RECREATION	Jan 10/14
HCS	Public Health Agency of Canada	AMENDING AGREEMENT #1, BLOOD SAFETY (PROJECT NUMBER 6797-15-2011/10720003)	Jan 16/14
JUS	Justice Canada	2013/2014 PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN DEPT. OF JUSTICE CANADA AND DEPT. OF JUSTICE GOV OF NL (\$361,514) SUPPORTING FAMILIES INITIATIVE FUND	Jan 20/14
NR	Agriculture & Agri-Foods Canada	AMENDMENT # 1 TO THE GROWING FORWARD 2 AGRISTABILITY PROGRAM	Feb 6/14

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GUIDELINES

<b>NR</b>	Agriculture & Agri-Foods Canada	AMENDMENT # 1 TO THE GROWING FORWARD 2 AGRIINVEST PROGRAM GUIDELINES	Feb 6/14
<b>JUS</b>	Justice Canada	AGREEMENT RESPECTING FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE INTENSIVE REHABILITATIVE CUSTODY AND SUPERVISION (IRCS) PROGRAM PART D - FY 2014-2015 "STAFF TRAINING IN A RELATIONSHIP BASED STRENGTHS APPROACH"	Feb 27/14
<b>JUS</b>	Justice Canada	AGREEMENT RESPECTING FEDERAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE INTENSIVE REHABILITATIVE CUSTODY AND SUPERVISION (IRCS) PROGRAM PART D - FY 2014- 2015 "THINK TRAUMA TOOL KIT TRAINING - OVERVIEW OF DIALECTICAL BEHAVIOUR THERAPY AND PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION"	Feb 27/14
<b>ENVC</b>	Transport Canada	AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTS - BOTWOOD	March 20/14
<b>TCR</b>	Heritage Canada	SPORT CANADA: AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT CANADA-GOVERNMENT OF NL BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON SPORT PARTICIPATION #223791836, AMENDMENT NUMBER 002	March 24/14
<b>AES</b>	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FOR INCOME SUPPORT 2013- 2014	March 24/14

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<b>TW</b>	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR FOR NATUASHISH 2013-2014	March 24/14
<b>CYFS</b>	Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	PROVINCIAL AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT PROVINCE OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR CHILD YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR 2013-2014	March 24/14
<b>EDU</b>	Heritage Canada & Official Languages	CANADA-NL AGREEMENT ON MINORITY LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND SECOND OFFICIAL-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION 2013-2014 TO 2017-2018	March 27/14
<b>SNL</b>	PT Insurance Councils	PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CANADA-WIDE INSURANCE PERSONS (LIFE & HEALTH) QUALIFICATION PROGRAM	March 31/14
<b>SNL</b>	Quebec Financial Market Authority	SERVICE AGREEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CANADA-WIDE INSURANCE OF PERSONS (LIFE AND HEALTH) QUALIFICATION PROGRAM	March 31/14

\*Signed date refers to the date the Minister for Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Affairs or his designate signed the agreement

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