

Transportation and Economic Corridors

Status of recommendations

Total	Status of Recommendations			
	Ready for Assessment	Not Ready for Assessment	>3 Years	<3 Years
9	3	6	0	9

Recommendation summary (by report, newest to oldest)

Report Title	Number of Recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work—November 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Improve processes and internal controls over financial reporting › Improve asset accounting processes 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Highway Maintenance Contracts—November 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Ensure contractors meet their requirements › Improve guidance and processes to administer extra work 	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Procurement Processes—December 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Improve controls for posting periods › Improve documentation controls › Improve access controls for procurement information systems 	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Processes to Provide Information About Government's Environmental Liabilities—June 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Improve processes to assess, estimate and account for environmental liabilities › Improve processes to ensure compliance with environmental legislation 	2
Total	9

Detailed recommendation list (by report, newest to oldest)

Recommendation	When	Status
<p>DEPARTMENT Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work—November 2024:</p> <p>Improve processes and internal controls over financial reporting</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors improve its processes and internal controls over financial reporting to ensure the quality of financial information.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: The department faces unnecessary risk of errors in its financial information and may not correctly portray to the public the financial results of its business activities.</p>	<p>November 2024, p. 143</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT Annual Summary of Ministry Audit Work—November 2024:</p> <p>Improve asset management and recording processes</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluate its approach to account for assets and implement processes and controls to ensure compliance with accounting standards • use the accounting system's capabilities and reporting to track and account for project costs • implement a process to reconcile bridge information in its accounting and operational systems and adjust them <p>Consequences of not taking action: The department's current processes are inefficient and may result in inaccurate financial information.</p>	<p>November 2024, p. 144</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT Highway Maintenance Contracts—November 2024:</p> <p>Ensure contractors meet their requirements</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors improve its monitoring processes to ensure contractors meet requirements.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: The department cannot demonstrate that, or know if, it got what it paid for unless it knows the results of contractors' work. It may rely too much on contractors to verify that they complete their work appropriately.</p>	<p>November 2024, p. 7</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>

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<p>DEPARTMENT Highway Maintenance Contracts—November 2024:</p> <p>Improve guidance and processes to administer extra work</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors improve its guidance and processes to administer extra work.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: The department risks financial penalties and a loss of public and industry confidence if it violates trade agreements. And the department may pay more than it should for extra work.</p>	<p>November 2024, p. 8</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT Procurement Processes:</p> <p>Improve controls for posting periods</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors improve its controls to ensure solicitation posting periods comply with trade agreement requirements.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: The department may not be posting solicitations with a reasonable amount of time for proponents to prepare and submit bids, based on trade agreement requirements. If these requirements are not being met, the department could face financial or other penalties or reputational damage from resulting actions. If proponents do not have adequate time to prepare their submission, they may not submit a proposal resulting in less competition or they may price this risk into their bid.</p>	<p>December 2023, p. 194</p>	<p>Ready for Assessment</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT Procurement Processes:</p> <p>Improve documentation controls</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors ensure it has adequate controls to document support for its shortlisting and award decisions, including key procurement information.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: Without proper documentation or records, the department may not be able to demonstrate its procurement practices and award decisions are fair. If challenged, the department could face legal, financial or reputational damage if it cannot produce adequate support for its shortlisting or contract award decisions.</p>	<p>December 2023, p. 197</p>	<p>Ready for Assessment</p>

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<p>DEPARTMENT Procurement Processes:</p> <p>Improve access controls for procurement information systems</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors improve its access controls for its procurement information systems.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: Without adequate access controls, there is a risk that confidential information, including bid prices and evaluation information, could be accessed and shared inappropriately with proponents. The inappropriate sharing of confidential information could result in an unfair advantage, undermining the credibility and integrity of the procurement process.</p>	<p>December 2023, p. 198</p>	<p>Ready for Assessment</p>
<p>DEPARTMENT Processes to Provide Information About Government’s Environmental Liabilities:</p> <p>Improve processes to assess, estimate and account for environmental liabilities</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors improve its processes to assess, estimate and account for environmental liabilities related to its sand and gravel pits and highway maintenance yards.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: The department may not accurately account for environmental liabilities, resulting in the province’s financial statements not reflecting the total environmental liabilities of the province. Decision-makers need this information to know the resources required to comply with environmental legislation and in order to protect people and the environment.</p>	<p>June 2021, p. 16</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>

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<p>DEPARTMENT Processes to Provide Information About Government’s Environmental Liabilities:</p> <p>Improve processes to ensure compliance with environmental legislation</p> <p>We recommend that the Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors improve its processes to comply with environmental legislation at highway maintenance yards.</p> <p>Consequences of not taking action: By not complying with legislation, the department may not take appropriate actions to clean up or manage environmental risks at sites for which it is responsible.</p>	<p>June 2021, p. 18</p>	<p>Not Ready for Assessment</p>