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This chapter will demonstrate how the progress of the Northern Strategic Plan will be measured. This process includes an accountability framework which will identify the reporting schedule and it explains the role that the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs will have monitoring the outcomes from the Plan.

6.1 Accountability Framework

Accountability means the ownership of conferred responsibility, combined with an obligation to report to a higher authority on the discharge of those responsibilities and the results obtained.

An accountability framework defines the nature and scope of responsibilities, identifies key results, performance expectations and the monitoring and reporting strategies. The framework is supported by specific guidelines and policies to ensure public transparency and accountability to the citizens of the province. It also considers its operation with respect to the legislative and strategic directions of Government.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has a responsibility to be accountable to the public for all decisions it makes. The accountability framework for the Northern Strategic Plan reiterates Government's commitment to public transparency and accountability.

6.1.1 Reporting Schedule

The Minister Responsible for Labrador Affairs will provide a verbal update annually to the House of Assembly on the progress of the Northern Strategic Plan. In addition, a written report will be made available bi-annually to the public to monitor and report on the progress of the Plan.

The Northern Strategic Plan will also be reflected in the Department's Annual Report and Business Plan. This will provide additional opportunities to report on the progress of the goals and objectives outlined in the Plan.

6.2 Role of Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs

The Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs is responsible for ensuring that the Northern Strategic Plan is implemented in an effective and timely manner. While specific actions are the responsibility of line departments, the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs will monitor the progress of each action.

Departmental representatives will meet with stakeholders of Labrador periodically to illustrate what has been accomplished through the Plan. The Department will also be requesting structured feedback at this time to continue to build the Northern Strategic Plan for the future.

6.3 Performance Measurement

To monitor the performance of the objectives outlined in the previous chapter, the Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs will create an internal process by which to measure the results. This process will include indicators, a baseline and benchmarks which will allow an analysis of the change of Labrador's social and economic development activity. This analysis will be conducted semi-annually to provide an update on the status of the Northern Strategic Plan.

