

Chapter 3 Highlights

Women's Equality not adequately tracking plan progress

Established oversight committees not functioning as intended

No measures to assess whether desired outcomes are being achieved

No more than 10% of actions have been reported as completed within the plan's expected timeframe

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS:

Our audit work concluded that the Department of Women's Equality (Women's Equality) does not have adequate systems and practices in place to implement, monitor and report on Weaving Our Voices Together, New Brunswick's plan in response to Reclaiming Power and Place: The Final Report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

To date there has been a lack of accountability and urgency resulting in no more than 10% of the 39 planned actions being reported as completed within the two-year timeframe set by the plan.

The commitments made at the plan's release deserve renewed focus. As part of our work, we have made 11 recommendations to Women's Equality to ensure adequate implementation, monitoring and reporting. It is time for New Brunswick to move beyond commitments and demonstrate tangible progress that honours the intent of the plan and the lives it seeks to protect.