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Chapter 18, Highways – Enforcing Vehicle Weight and Dimension Requirements, 2021 Volume 1

Recommendation and Status at Time of Audit (Indicate whether new or outstanding)	Page	Current Status (implemented, partially implemented, not implemented)	Actions Taken to Implement Since PA Report	Planned Actions for Implementation	Timeline for Implementation
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Highways follow its established policy requiring Highway Officers to report the results of completed vehicle weight and dimension joint-enforcement activities (2017 Report – Volume 1, p. 95, Recommendation 3; Public Accounts Committee agreement June 12, 2018) Status—Implemented</p>	220	Implemented			
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Highways consistently document its response to calls received through its inquiry line and actions taken to address each call. (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 292, Recommendation 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 8, 2021) Status—Implemented</p>	221	Implemented			

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Chapter 8, Highways, 2021 Volume 2

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<p>New: We recommend the Ministry of Highways accurately record its contractual obligations.</p>	48	Implemented	The ministry ensured that the Financial Services Unit took a more active role in ensuring the completeness and accuracy of the information (compiled by another unit) for the contractual obligation disclosure.		
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Highways increase its monitoring of compliance with established transaction limits for purchases made using purchasing cards. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p. 30, Recommendation 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 8, 2021) Status—Not Implemented</p>	48	Implemented	The ministry provided additional training for both purchase cardholders and approvers specifically related to transaction limits, approval procedures and required documentation. The ministry increased monitoring and continues to communicate and reinforce the established policies to all purchase card holders.		
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Highways implement policies to better oversee purchases of regulated firearms and ammunition to ensure they support its business needs. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p. 31, Recommendation 2; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 8, 2021) Status—Partially Implemented</p>	49	Implemented	<p>The ministry revised its Signing Authority Delegations to update the authority for procuring regulated firearms.</p> <p>Note: the program has since transferred to the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety.</p>		

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<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Highways implement better processes to track regulated highway patrol equipment. (2020 Report – Volume 1, p. 32, Recommendation 3; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 8, 2021) Status—Implemented</p>	49	Implemented			
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Ministry of Highways follow its established procedures for removing user access to its computer systems and data. (2009 Report – Volume 3, p. 251, Recommendation 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement April 21, 2010) Status—Implemented</p>	50	Implemented			

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Chapter 4, Conducting Winter Maintenance on Provincial Highways, 2023 Volume 1

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<p>New: We recommend the ministry update the Highway Hotline to provide clear and concise road condition terminology for winter driving Status—Not Implemented</p>	53	Not Implemented	Jurisdictional scan has been completed. Review and recommendations based on the jurisdictional scan are being developed.	Based on review and recommendations, potential changes will be implemented in the Highway Hotline for the Winter 2024/25.	2024-25 winter season.
<p>New: We recommend the ministry sufficiently track whether winter maintenance equipment operators meet work scheduling safety requirements (e.g., comply with rest periods) or waive mandatory 10-hour rest periods. Status—Not Implemented</p>	57	Not Implemented	Internal review with internal ministry management group has been initiated.	Develop a process based on MOU 98-11.	2024-25 winter season.
<p>New: We recommend the ministry set a timeframe for reporting instances to management when not meeting service level expectations for highway winter maintenance. Status—Not Implemented</p>	58	Not Implemented	Updated standard has been drafted and is in the review process.	Updated standard will go through the internal review and approval process.	2024-25 winter season.
<p>New: We recommend the ministry require managers to review instances where staff did not meet service level expectations for highway winter maintenance. Status—Not Implemented</p>	59	Not Implemented	Updated standard has been drafted and is in the review process.	Updated standard will go through the internal review and approval process.	2024-25 winter season.

