# **Regional Operations, Chief Financial Officer**

# Evaluation of the Implementation of the First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act (FSMA) (10014)

APPROVAL DATE: 04/19/2011	APPROVAL DATE: 04/19/2011				
PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTION PLAN	EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	PROGRAM RESPONSE		
1. That the Chief Financial Officer review the potential, and recommend any changes necessary, to rationalize the dedicated FSMA spending authorities (and other related authorities) and to reinforce linkages with other relevant initiatives including, for example, economic development.	The potential for rationalizing the spending authorities that support the implementation of the <i>First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management</i> <i>Act</i> will be undertaken in the larger context of INAC authority rationalization. This review will also examine the potential to reinforce linkages with other initiatives and include collaboration with other sectors.	Completion: December, 2011	Status: on-goingUpdate/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011:RO- Preliminary discussions with LED Sector to discuss horizontality amongst the programs.CFO- CFO sector will continue to work with PSD sector, which has the lead for the rationalization of authorities for the Department.AES: More information would have facilitated the proper assessment of the implementation of this action item.		
2. Given the current operational status of the FSMA institutions that INAC re-examine the expected results of INAC's support and the funding required to achieve those expected results. Also work with First Nations Institutions to develop performance measurement strategies and reporting regimes in line with Treasury Board and INAC standards, particularly with respect to roles and responsibilities, risks, targets, time lines, reporting burden and a strategy for measuring impacts on First Nation communities.	Work has begun on a mandated legislative review and the re-examination of expectations for INAC support and funding requirements will be included in this review before being tabled to each house of Parliament. A Performance Measurement Strategy is being developed for the FSMA with its' institutions. The Strategy will consider reporting burden on recipients and include measuring impacts of the	Completion: March 23, 2012 March 31, 2013	Status: underway Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011: RO- Legislative review has been completed, report drafted and agreed in principle by Institutions. Status: Under Way. Performance Management Strategy.		

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	FSMA on First Nations communities. Although it was initially scheduled to be complete in 2011-12, Regional Operations Sector will postpone its completion until 2012-2013 to ensure the inclusion of any regulatory and/or legislative changes resulting from the Legislative Review.		Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011: RO- Performance Management Strategy is underway and is being completed in the context of the Legislative Review of the FSMA.
	A Risk Assessment was initiated in 2011-2012 and is currently being conducted with the Institutions, with the support and advice of Audit and Evaluation Sector, to assess the risks associated with the FSMA and its Institutions.	September 30, 2012	Status: Request to close. Risk Assessment is completed.Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011:RO- The work in support of the Risk Assessment Action Plan Item has been completed.
	The FSMA Institutions currently report against the requirements of the legislation, Treasury Board authorities and respective funding agreements.	Ongoing	Status: Ongoing Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011: RO- Should be removed part of funding agreement terms and conditions annually.
	Reporting Burdens will be assessed according to the Reducing Reporting Burden exercise being led by the Deputy Minister's Special Representative on Reduced Reporting.	March 31, 2012	<ul> <li>Status: On-going.</li> <li>Update/Rationale:</li> <li>RO- Through the IGS system and processes the implementation of consolidated reports has been achieved. Additional requirements if required will be identified by the DM`s Special Representative.</li> </ul>

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			AES: Actions are being taken to implement the recommendations and are satisfactory.		
3. As part of the legislative review, that INAC ensure that an assessment of the mandate of the FNSI is undertaken that considers the results of the environmental scan and the corporate plan vis- à-vis respecting its activities. The review should also include an assessment of progress being made towards the issuance of a bond.	As part of the Legislative Review, the Regional Operations Sector and the First Nations Statistical Institute (FNSI) will ensure that an assessment of its mandate is undertaken that takes into account the plans and priorities identified as a result of the 2010 Environmental Scan and its Corporate Plan for the period 2011-2014. The Terms of Reference for the Legislative Review will include a process for the assessment of progress being made towards the issuance of a bond under the FSMA.	Completion: March 23, 2012	Status: on-going Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011: RO- continued under the work of the legislative review		
			AES: More information would have facilitated the proper assessment of the implementation of these action items.		
4. That INAC strengthen coordination with other related INAC initiatives, including other "opt-in" initiatives, self-government, economic development and infrastructure programming, to ensure the FSMA regime is being utilized to its maximum potential.	The Regional Operations Sector will use existing government structures such as Director General Implementation and Operations Committee and Director General Policy Committee to promote synergies between departmental stakeholders.	Completion: Ongoing	Status: on-going Update/Rationale: As of 30/09/2011:		
	The Regional Operations Sector is exploring the possibility of drafting a Framework for the inclusion of self-governing First Nations in the FSMA with the FSMA Institutions.	December 31, 2011	<b>RO-</b> preliminary work is underway, anticipated for discussion in 2012-2013.		
	The Lands and Economic Development Sector regularly participates in FSMA meetings and information sharing with the Community Infrastructure Branch will further enhance	Ongoing	Work continues with TAG as lessons are learned through Tsawwassen FN regulations process and as new approaches are being raised through the		

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	coordination of infrastructure programming. The Regional Operations Sector is currently conducting an analysis of overlapping requirements in opt-in legislation within INAC.	September 30, 2011	tripartite working group. Currently have engaged an LED Sector employee on assignment to work and is embedded in institutions. Legislative review is completed and report will be tabled in March 2012.
			AES: More information would have facilitated the proper assessment of the implementation of these action items.