

PEIACSW EQUALITY REPORT CARD

Priority Issues Identified by the PEIACSW, Responding Departments & Community Groups

STATUS OF WOMEN PRIORITY ISSUE	RESPONDING DEPT	NON-GOV'T GROUP
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Making Equality a Priority

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A higher profile for the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Interministerial Women's Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Women's equality-seeking organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues of particular concern to women and their families reflected explicitly in government public statements and documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Interministerial Women's Secretariat ⇒ Provincial Treasury ⇒ Executive Council ⇒ All Departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Women's equality-seeking organizations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to applying gender- and diversity-based analysis (GBA) throughout government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ All Departments ⇒ Interministerial Women's Secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Women's equality-seeking organizations

Women in Decision-Making

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased equality in appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Executive Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Coalition for Women in Gov't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of a strong complement of women to Executive Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Executive Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Coalition for Women in Gov't
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to ongoing electoral reforms leading to proportional representation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Executive Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Elections PEI ⇒ Legislative Assembly

Family Violence Prevention

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions to implement the recommendations of the Justice Options for Women Who Are Victims of Violence project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Attorney General 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Justice Options reps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued tangible support for Transition House Association and the Rape and Sexual Assault Crisis Centre to flourish as community-based, women-led organizations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Social Services and Seniors ⇒ Tourism (Interministerial Women's Secretariat) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ THA and Rape Crisis Centre reps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased application of existing Woman Abuse Protocols, with more protocols developed as needed <i>*REVISED January 2008</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Health ⇒ Social Services and Seniors ⇒ Attorney General 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Justice Options, THA, and Rape Crisis Centre reps

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Women's Economic Status

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased allotment of funds for direct payment to social services recipients to bring them up to a standard of living in which all basic needs are met 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Social Services and Seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Working Group for a Livable Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning for investment in affordable housing, particularly in the province's largest municipalities, including housing designed to meet the needs of seniors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Social Services and Seniors ⇒ Environment, Energy, and Forestry ⇒ Transportation & Public Works 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Working Group for a Livable Income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures by government to provide leadership as an employer to women 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Provincial Treasury (Public Service Commission) ⇒ Development & Technology ⇒ Tourism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Public Service Unions reps ⇒ Working Group for a Livable Income

Supports for Caregiving

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional investment in early childhood care and education that increases quality, accessibility, affordability, and focus on child development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Social Services and Seniors ⇒ Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Early Childhood Development Association
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modelling good practices as an employer of new parents and other caregivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Provincial Treasury (Public Service Commission) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Public Service Unions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiatives to encourage or support private businesses to provide top-up payments and to continue medical, pension, and other benefits for parents on maternity, parental, or adoption leave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Communities, Cultural Affairs, and Labour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Women's Network

Women's Health

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steps towards whole-body holistic health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Health ⇒ Environment, Energy, and Forestry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Women's Network PEI, BORN PEI, and other women's equality-seeking groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiatives to provide appropriate, gender-specific mental health programming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ EPWIC and other Women's equality-seeking groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition in government policy and planning of social determinants of health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Health ⇒ Soc. Services & Seniors ⇒ Education ⇒ Agriculture ⇒ Fisheries & Aquaculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Working Group for a Livable Income

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Access to Justice

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Efforts to collaborate with F/P/T governments improving access to family law legal aid 	⇒ Attorney General	⇒ Justice Options reps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistance to women and families to navigate family law systems and to access alternative dispute resolution (in cases where it would be appropriate) *REVISED January 2008 	⇒ Attorney General	⇒ Justice Options reps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to family law legal aid lawyers *REVISED January 2008 	⇒ Attorney General	⇒ Justice Options reps

Bonus Considerations

(⇒ All Departments)

Scores in bonus areas contribute to the overall report card grade.

Collaborating for Equality

- Working with the PEIACSW on this report card process in a positive, collaborative spirit
- Support for sustained or increased funding for women's organizations
- Efforts to collaborate with other governments/other levels of government to achieve women's equality goals, especially in the priority areas outlined above

Supporting Diversity and Inclusion

- Efforts to formally include under-represented groups in decision-making
- Steps towards integrating diversity and inclusion goals into analysis, policies, planning, and programs alongside gender-based analysis
- Demonstration of willingness to work towards outcomes that ensure equality for all

Notes

- Priorities were set by consensus decisions of the PEI Advisory Council on the Status of Women. They were published first in May 2007 and *slightly* revised in January 2008. (Revisions noted.) Priorities are negotiable as necessary.
- At the discretion of the Council, additional positive or negative initiatives may be evaluated if they have significant effects for women/diversity groups.
- Any department representative may make input on an issue they feel they have a stake in, but please avoid duplication of effort.
- Please notify the ACSW as soon as possible about any *errors* about the best department to respond to a particular issue.