

Statistics Canada's DETAILED ACTION PLAN in response to the recommendations of the
Independent Auditor's Report on the Zero Plastic Waste Horizontal Initiative by the Office of the Auditor General of Canada

Report Ref. No.	OAG Recommendation	Departmental Response	Description of Final Expected Outcome/Result	Expected Final Completion Date	Key Interim Milestones (Description/Dates)	Responsible Organization/ Point of Contact (Name, Position, Tel #)	Indicator of Achievement (For Committee Use Only)
49	Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, and Statistics Canada should complete the identification of all risks at every level of the initiative, and review and monitor them on an ongoing basis.	Agreed. Statistics Canada has worked to identify potential risks at every level of the initiative. The most pressing risk for the PFAPM is that it relies on many data sources, such as the Supply and Use tables, Statistics Canada surveys, and administrative data sources, which they do not control. Delays or cancellations of these data sources would require the PFAPM team to pivot to other sources. Also, due to the highly specialized nature of the PFAPM, the other most significant risk is losing subject matter knowledge due to staff turnover. Environment and Climate Change Canada has added monitoring of risks and mitigation measures into the quarterly Plastics Horizontal Initiative's progress report, to which Statistics Canada will contribute on a quarterly basis. [Timeline: This information will be reported to Environment and Climate Change Canada for the first time in the Q3 report, due January 2024.]	Statistics Canada has identified risks at every level of the initiative and will continue to review and monitor them on an ongoing basis. Furthermore, Statistics Canada will report on their risks to Environment and Climate Change Canada on a quarterly basis as part of the Plastics Horizontal Initiative's progress report.	June 30, 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistics Canada identified its main two risks in its departmental response to the audit. 2. Statistics Canada reported on its main risks in the horizontal initiative's quarterly reporting period on the Q1 report for 2024/25 (submitted July 2024). 3. Risks will be examined and reported on a quarterly basis, with new risks added as necessary. 	Environment Accounts and Statistics Division (Sonia Raizenne, Director, 613-295-2836)	

54	<p>Environment and Climate Change Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada, and Statistics Canada should put mechanisms in place to monitor the effectiveness of risk responses. This should include target dates for tracking progress on the completion of risk responses.</p>	<p>Agreed. Statistics Canada will put mechanisms in place to monitor the effectiveness of risk responses, as required. For example, Statistics Canada is currently closely monitoring its data sources and has been developing plans about what alternative data sources could be used as a substitute if current sources become unavailable. In terms of mitigating the risk of potential staff turnover, Statistics Canada plans to, for example, (i) continue to automate aspects of the compilation process, to help ensure that any new staff will be able to compile the account effectively; and (ii) develop a series of guidance documents to ensure that the detailed knowledge required to run the account can be efficiently transferred to new staff. Statistics Canada will set target dates for these and other risks and carefully track progress for these risks, as well as any other identified risks that come to the forefront during the project. Environment and Climate Change Canada has added monitoring of risks and mitigation measures into the quarterly Plastics Horizontal Initiative's progress report, to which Statistics Canada will contribute on a quarterly basis. [Timeline: This information will be reported to Environment and Climate Change Canada for the first time in the Q3 report, due January 2024.]</p>	<p>Statistics Canada will continue to monitor the effectiveness of risk responses on an ongoing basis and will provide information about risk monitoring and mitigation measures as part of the quarterly Plastics Horizontal Initiative's progress report.</p>	<p>March 31, 2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statistics Canada has developed a plan to mitigate its two largest risks. 2. Statistics Canada will work to mitigate the identified risks, including monitoring the effectiveness of risk responses, using target dates for tracking progress on the completion of risk responses. 3. Statistics Canada will report on the effectiveness of risk mitigation measures through the horizontal initiative's quarterly reporting, starting with Q3 of 2023-24 (submitted in January 2024). 	<p>Environment Accounts and Statistics Division (Sonia Raizenne, Director, 613-295-2836)</p>	
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