

2018 Manitoba Regulatory Accountability Annual Report

Executive Summary

This report is a government-wide progress report on regulatory accountability in Manitoba. The report combines the first two fiscal years, 2016/17 and 2017/18, since establishing the April 1, 2016 Baseline Measurement of regulatory requirements. The report covers the regulatory accountability activities of departments and government agencies, as well as those that span government.

Manitoba's approach to regulatory accountability is comprehensive in terms of identifying and counting regulatory requirements in all regulatory instruments including Acts, regulations, policies and forms. Regulatory instrument and regulatory requirement measurement to establish the baseline was undertaken in 2016/17. Regulatory instruments were assembled and government-wide staff training on regulatory accountability was initiated. To support efficient and effective workflow processes, planning and analysis was undertaken to design and implement a modern data management system.

Since the April 2016 baseline, measurements of regulatory requirements have shown a moderate reduction of 2.6%. The results also show that policies and forms account for a large majority (84%) of regulatory requirements, whereas Acts and regulations account for approximately 16% of the regulatory requirements across government.

With the new regulatory accountability legislation and operations in place, progress in reducing regulatory requirements and decreasing costs for Manitobans is expected to accelerate.