

Federal Ministerial Mandate Letters' Matrix

In December 2019, the Prime Minister publicly released all Mandate Letters issued to Cabinet Ministers. The matrix below looks to capture the identified priorities, by Ministry, that are pertinent to the strategic priorities of the Canadian Psychological Association. The matrix will provide an overview of the government's priorities that require leadership from one or more Ministries.

Federal Government Priorities	Ministries											
	Health	Deputy Prime Minister	Finance	Seniors	Innovation Science & Industry	Indigenous Services	Diversity, Inclusion & Youth	Employment, Workforce Develop & Disability Inclusion	Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness	Justice & Attorney -General	Environment & Climate Change	Veterans Affairs
1. Ensure that every Canadian has access to a family doctor or primary health care team	X	X	X	X								
2. Set national standards for access to mental health services so Canadians can get fast access to the support they need, when they need it	X	X	X	X								
3. Continue to make home care and palliative care more available across the country	X	X	X	X								
4. Continue to implement national universal pharmacare, including the establishment of the <i>Canada Drug Agency</i> , and implementing a national formulary and a rare disease drug strategy to help Canadian families save money on high cost drugs	X	X	X	X								
5. Consider amendments to the <i>Canada Health Act</i> to achieve progress on these priorities, including new accountability standards so that Canadians can know what to expect from the public health system when they need it	X											
6. Work closely with other orders of government, as well as substance use experts, service providers, first responders, law enforcement and people with lived and living experience in order to ensure Canada's response to the opioid crisis is robust, well-coordinated and effective: work with the provinces and territories on new investments that expand community-based services, build more in-patient rehabilitation beds, and scale-up the most effective programs such as extending hours for safe consumption sites.	X											

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7. Work with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research to integrate sex- and gender-based analyses, as well as diversity analyses, to ensure research takes diversity factors into account to improve women’s health care	X											
8. Support the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada in working with provinces and territories to respond to the recent court ruling regarding the medical assistant in dying framework	X							X		X		
9. Work with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to better protect people and the environment from toxins and other pollution, including by strengthening the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i>	X									X	X	
10. Continue to advance Canada’s commitment to promoting gender equity, diversity and inclusion in the Sciences, and providing funding to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council to create academic research grants for studies on race, diversity and gender in Canada					X							
11. Co-develop distinctions-based Indigenous health legislation, back with the investments needed to deliver high-quality health care for all Indigenous Peoples						X						
12. Support the Minister of Justice and Attorney-General of Canada to amend the Criminal Code to ban the practice of conversion therapy and to take other steps required with the provinces and territories to end conversion therapy in Canada						X				X		
13. Conduct a comprehensive review to ensure a consistent approach to disability inclusion and supports across government that addresses the unfairness and inequities in government programs and services, and challenges the biases built into government processes. This includes a definition of disability consistent with the <i>Accessible Canada Act</i>								X				

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14. Continue to advance Canada's first-ever National Action Plan on Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries for first responders									X			
15. Implement the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change, while strengthening existing and introducing new greenhouse gas reducing measures to exceed Canada's 2030 emission reduction goal and beginning work so that Canada can achieve net zero emissions by 2050											X	
16. Create a new rapid-response service staffed by social workers, case management counsellors and peer support workers												X
17. Provide Veterans with a new benefit of up to \$3,000 in additional free counselling services before a disability claim is required												X

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