

Subsequent input was consolidated into an internal discussion paper which was refined and revised throughout 1996. In accordance with advice provided in the Guide to Green Government, the Department began by re-examining its mandate, mission statement, priority areas, and organization. The resulting profile appears in Appendix B.

Interdepartmental discussions on the development of a strategy took place throughout 1996 and 1997. Sustainable development issues were discussed numerous times in that period with Aboriginal leaders.

In order to ensure that Agenda 2000 would be comprehensive in scope, reflecting the many diverse views of the Department, a Sustainable Development Task Force was established in January 1997 under the chair of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Services. Task force members provided advice and guidance on departmental priorities and on consultations with the community which took place throughout 1997. Appendix C outlines that process.

For additional information refer to:

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