Human Rights Remedy Mid-Implementation Review: Plain Language Project Scope Document

What is this document?

This is a project scope document. It will:

- Provide information on what the Mid-Implementation Review will cover.
- Highlight the activities that will happen in the Mid-Implementation Review.
- The review is called a Mid-Implementation Review because it is happening while the Province is still working to meet the steps laid out in the Remedy. This document will use "Review" to make it easier to understand.
- More detail is available in the technical scoping document.

Information about the Review

The Review is NOT about changing the Remedy.

The Province and the Disability Rights Coalition agreed that there might be reasons that some of the steps happen in a different order.

The Government is fully committed to the Remedy.

The purpose of the Review is to find out about progress so far and identify challenges and solutions on making the steps in the Remedy happen.

Why a Review?

Right now is an important time for the Remedy. The Remedy Monitor (Dr. Michael Prince) and the Disability Rights Coalition have said:

- There is an urgent need to make up for delays in meeting some of the steps as planned.
- More action is needed to do all the steps in the Remedy during the 5 year timeframe.

There are reasons it has been hard for the Province to do the steps of the Remedy in the original order. Some of these reasons are:

- The size of the changes needed to the Disability Support Program
- Delays in setting up Individualised Funding
- System-wide challenges making it hard for the new DSP roles to work the way they are supposed to.

What the Review will cover

The review will look at:

- How the 6 Key Directions of the Remedy are being put into practice and what progress has been made on meeting the steps in the Remedy.

It will consider:

- Where progress can be sped up
- How to address unexpected challenges
- How to respond to things that have come up as the Remedy is being worked on.

The Review will take into account:

- Reports from the Remedy Monitor, the Disability Rights Coalition and Annual report by the Province.
- Progress on Remedy requirements like the Roundtable and the Independent Evaluation
- How DSP projects on leadership, sustainability and the Day Programs Transition Plan connect with the Remedy.
- New issues that have come up. This is things like the increase in demand for DSP by young people.
- What should happen after Year 5 to make sure that the Remedy outcomes are continued.

The Review will look more deeply at:

- Key Direction 1: *Individual Planning and Support Coordination*. In particular
    - Reviews of the new roles (LAC, IPSC, EFAC) and the system issues that need to be fixed to make the roles work the way the Remedy planned.
        - A review of LACs will be available at the end of October 2026.
    - How changing from the old DSP system of care coordination and intake to the new roles is working.

- Key Direction 5: *Individualised funding*. In particular:
    - Implementation of the new IF backbone service and the supporting technology to help with case management.
    - What to do about delays that have come up because planning roles have been separated from funding roles.
    - Where to put Income Assistance functions and activity. This includes Special Needs Funding.

- Key Direction 6: Strengthening whole *Disability System Capacity*. In particular
    - Eligibility for DSP
    - What the data says about the number and age of people with disabilities that will start to use DSP in the coming years.
    - If the current way the Disability Support Program is organized is working.
    - What support the Disability Rights Coalition may need to have the ability to be a strong party to the Remedy Agreement.
    - What are the important issues that need to be addressed to make sure the Remedy is strong after year 5.

Who will be part of the Review?

The Department will create an advisory committee representing the main groups involved with the Remedy to make sure the voices of people with disabilities, families and service providers are heard in the Review.

The Province sees the participation and consultation of the Disability Rights Coalition (DRC) in this review as necessary.

The review will also engage with:

- Community representatives
- Disability Support Program leadership and staff
- Other Government departments, Minister and Deputy Minister
- Other groups or individuals as needed.

Written submissions by groups or individuals will be accepted by the Review Team.

How the Review will work

The Review is being done by the Department of Opportunities and Social Development (OSD).

The Department has asked the Remedy Report authors, Eddie Bartnik and Tim Stainton, to lead the Review. They will get support from Maria Medioli and Anna MacQuarrie.

The Review will be finished in 10 weeks. A final Review Report with findings and recommendations for improvement will be submitted to the Minister and Deputy Minister by December 31, 2026.

A possible timeline is as follows:

Week	Date	Activity
0	October 14, 2026	Announce review; Invitations to join Advisory Committee (AC) sent
1	October 19 – 23, 2026	Planning, start arranging meetings, confirm AC participation, Prepare for first AC meeting 1
2	October 26 – 30, 2026	AC meeting October 28, Written submission process starts
3	November 2 – 7, 2026	Document reviews, online interviews will key people, prepare for in-person meetings.
4 and 5	November 9 – 20, 2026	In-person consultations November 12 – 17, Government Roundtable briefing. Start analysis of early submissions and consultations
6	November 23 – 27, 2026	AC Meetings 2 and 3 with presentations (online); written submissions closes
7	Nov 30 – December 4, 2026	Analysis
8	December 7 – 11, 2026	Online workshops as needed, possible AC meeting 4
9	December 14 – 18, 2026	In-person briefings, report writing, possible AC meeting 4, Government Roundtable briefing
10	Ending December 31, 2026	Report finalisation and briefings