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- renewing accountability, performance and transparency measures, as well as program objectives;**
- directing Statistics Canada to create, deliver and disseminate enhanced labour market information, as well as – in relation to public colleges, institutes and universities – data on enrolment and graduation rates for the full range of education programs, as well as on tuition rates, and the number of – and spending on – faculty and other staff;**
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- **continue to deliver programming that enables the adoption of green infrastructure, upgraded access and connectivity to high-speed broadband, and support for recreation and social infrastructure in small communities; and**
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- **support investments that can improve competitiveness and address the climate change agenda; and**
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That the Government of Canada prioritize measures in relation to strategic green, social and core infrastructure that have a direct and measurable impact on the Canadian economy, and that attract or facilitate foreign investment and trade. These measures include:

- ensuring that infrastructure funds for northern and remote communities have a focus on transportation infrastructure, such as bridge replacement and roadway renewals, that will effectively enable trade and growth for Canada’s agricultural sector;
- investing in higher speed, high frequency passenger rail service, allocating funding to VIA Rail’s Quebec City-Windsor Corridor fleet-renewal project and proceeding with VIA Rail’s procurement process;
- ensuring that small National Airports System airports are eligible for infrastructure funds;
- working with telecommunication companies that agree to participate in a rural broadband program that would be funded through changes to the capital cost allowance rates for classes 8, 42 and 46, which address communications networks equipment, including broadband networks; and
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