

Key insights on Canada's impact assessments

AT-A-GLANCE REPORT FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 2025-2026

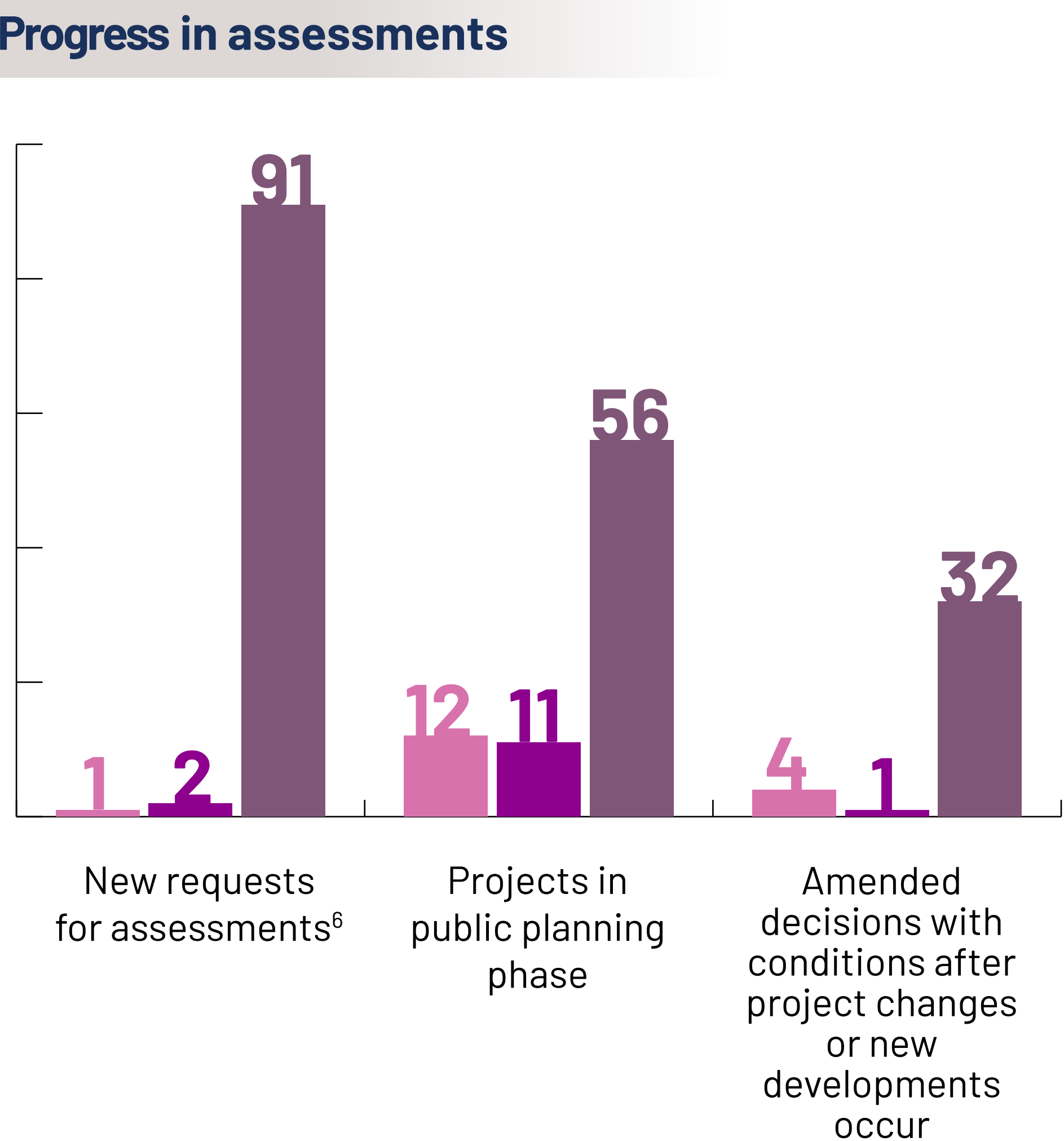
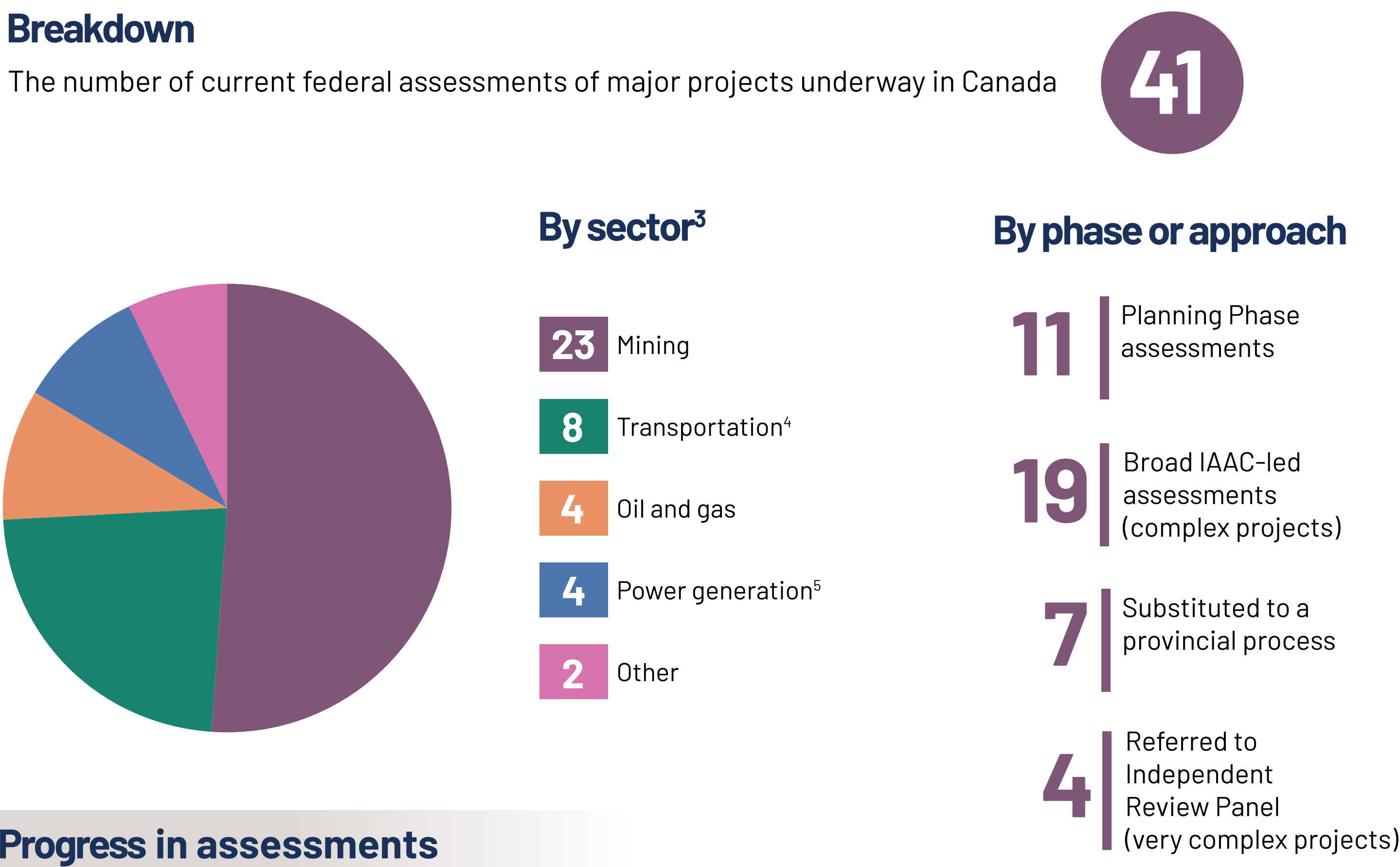
Canada wants good projects that bring jobs and other benefits today and sustain our resources for tomorrow.

Canada's **Impact Assessment Act (IAA)** delivers assessments that are timely, efficient and focused on what matters. It does this by conducting assessments that support economic growth while protecting the environment, Indigenous Rights and other issues that matter most to Canadians.

In fact, Bloomberg New Energy Finance says:

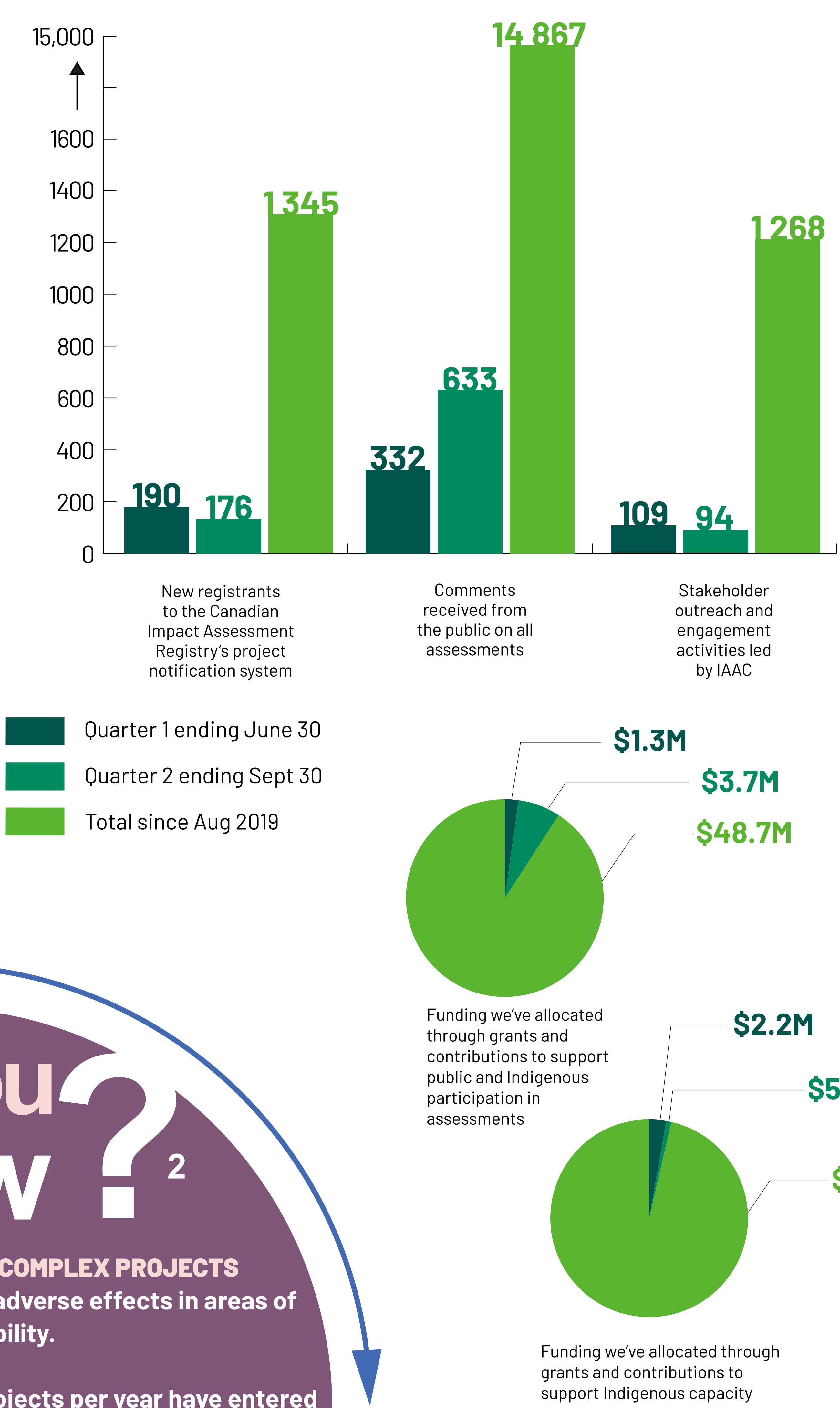
"Canada has one of the most credible impact assessment frameworks in the world." ¹

Projects



¹Energy Transition Metals Production Scores: Australia Top, BloombergNEF, July 5, 2023, pp 15-16.
²All statistics as of September 30, 2025. Our quarter reports end June 30, September 30, December 31 and March 31.
³Where projects are multi-sector, only the main sector has been identified.
⁴Includes railways, highways, bridges, airports, ports and harbours, and aerodromes.
⁵Includes nuclear projects, powerlines, dams, hydroelectric, and offshore wind.
⁶All requests for assessments, including request to designate a physical activity and for a regional assessment.

Participation



Did You Know? ²

The IAA applies to only the most **COMPLEX PROJECTS** - those with potential for significant adverse effects in areas of federal responsibility.

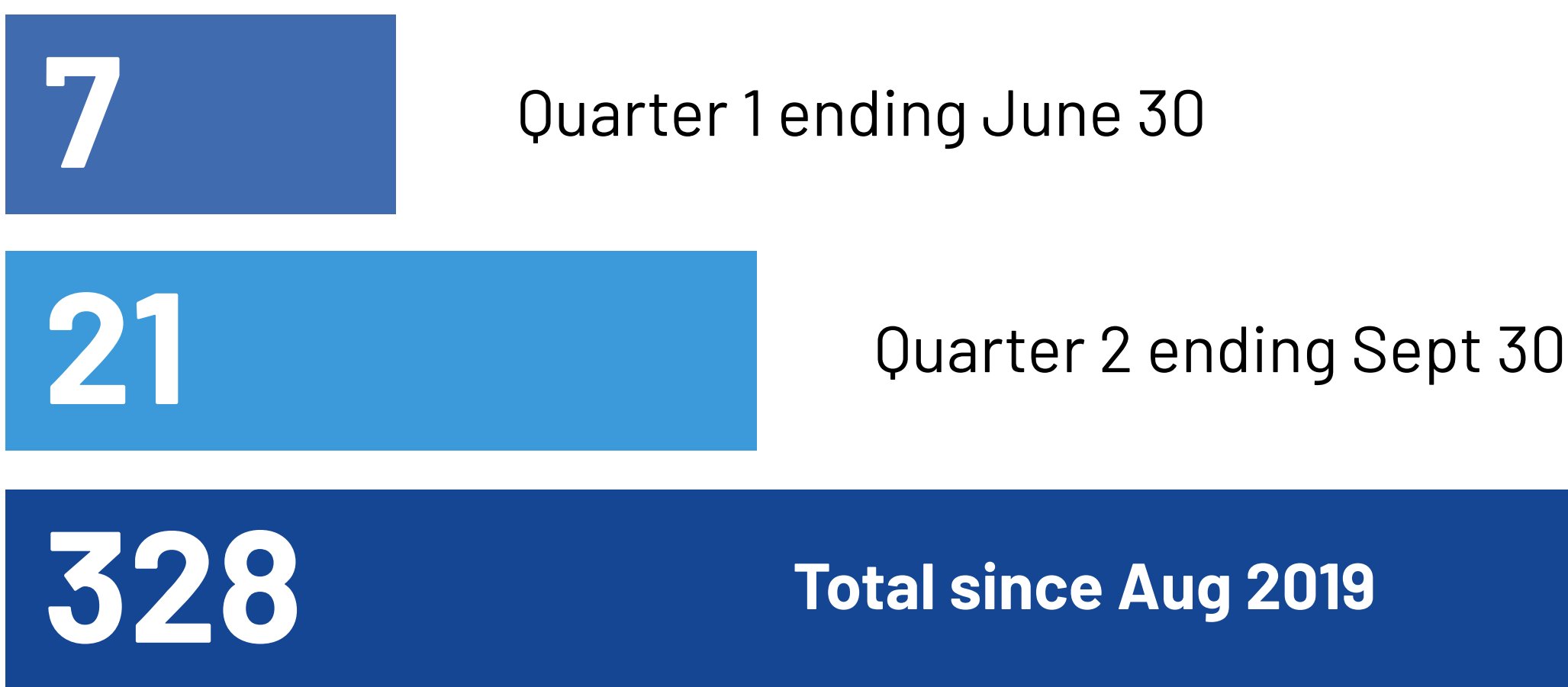
Since 2019, an average of **NINE** major projects per year have entered the IAA system. **FORTY PERCENT** of those have completed the process, many **WITHIN SIX MONTHS**.

Since June 2024, **10 OF 14 PROJECTS** entering the system received an **EARLY DECISION** (majority in under 80 days).

Since August 2019, the Government has made **22 IMPACT ASSESSMENT DECISIONS** (including early decisions), with an average duration of **UNDER 300 DAYS**.

Monitoring

Inspections (on and offsite)



Decisions

Requests for assessments (All types)

Yes, an assessment should be considered	0	0	7
No, an assessment should not be considered	1	1	83

Early Impact Assessment (IA) decisions (Planning Phase)

Further assessment not required	2	3	20
Broad IA required (complex project)	2	2	24

Impact assessment decisions for complex projects

Complete, with conditions to manage adverse federal effects	0	1	2
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Decisions to substitute

Note: Currently, B.C. is the only province with a cooperation agreement which facilitates substitution.	0	0	4
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Environmental Assessment decisions (CEAA 2012)

Allowed to proceed (with conditions)	0	0	19
Not allowed to proceed	0	0	4

Looking for more information about any of our projects?

Check out the **Canadian Impact Assessment Registry** for detailed information.