

Key insights on Canada's impact assessments

AT-A-GLANCE REPORT FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER 2025-2026¹

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." ²

Projects

Breakdown

The number of current federal assessments of major projects underway in Canada

43

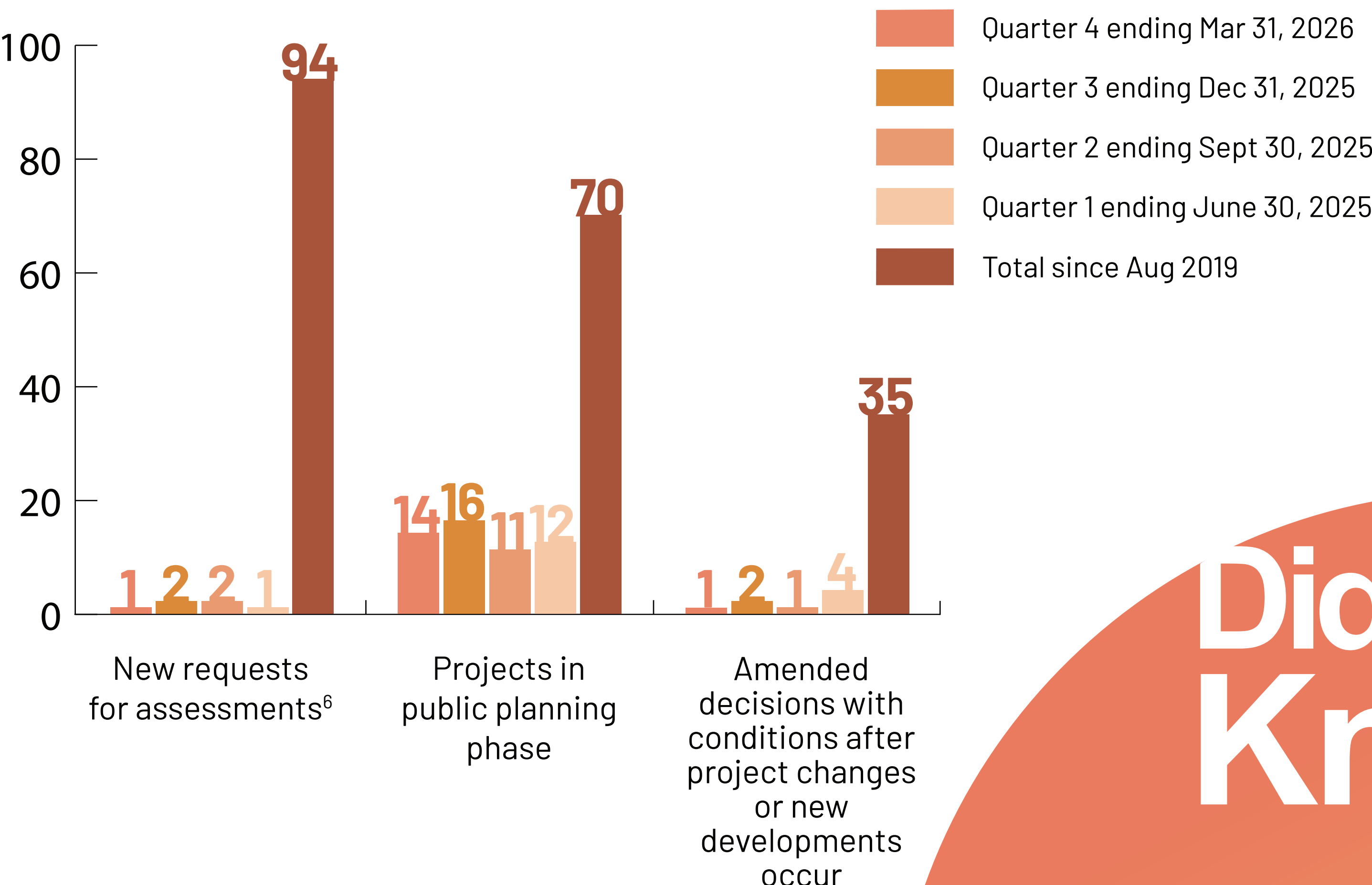
By sector³

24 Mining
7 Power generation⁴
6 Transportation⁵
4 Oil and gas
2 Other

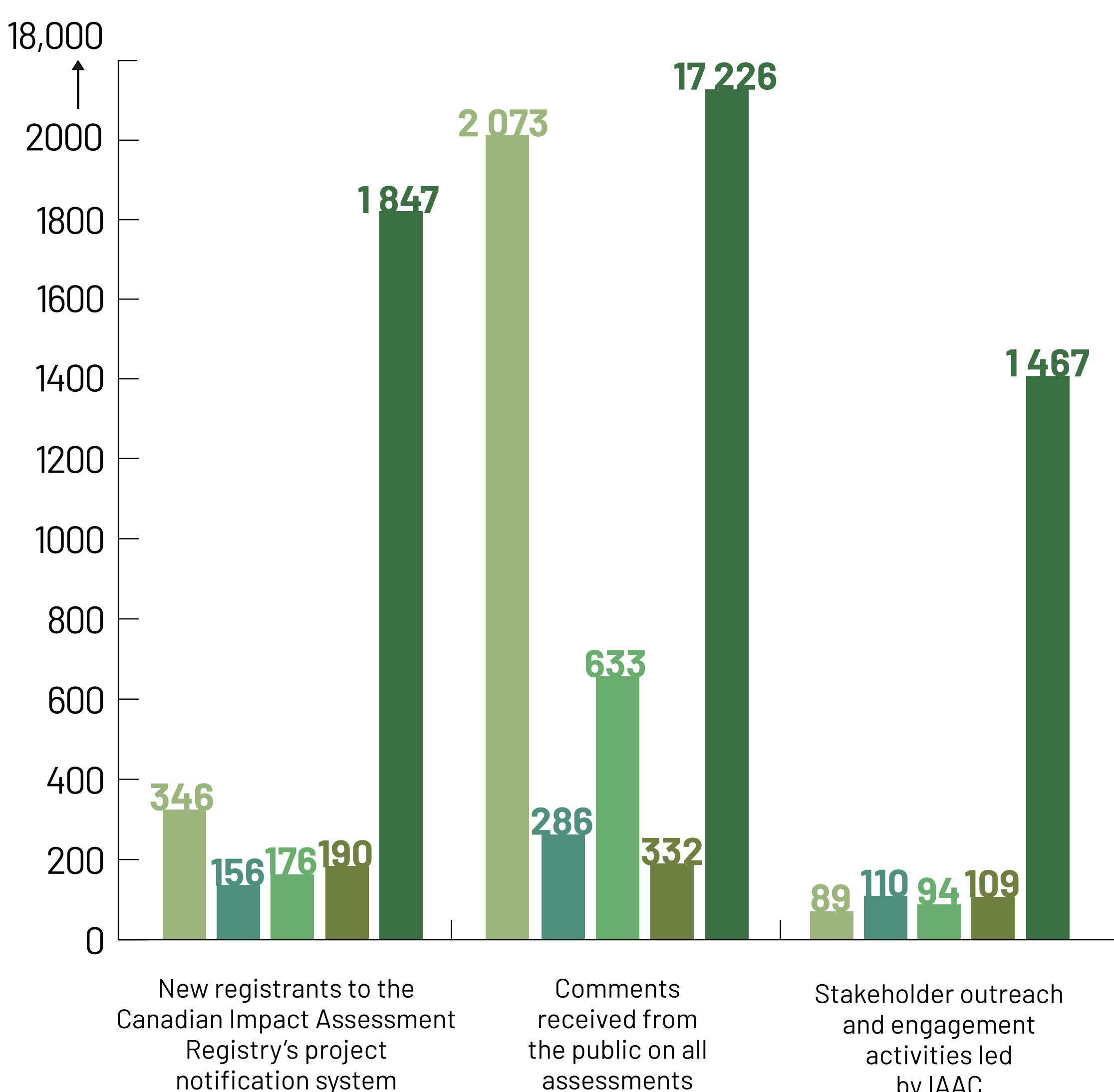
By phase or approach

19 Broad IAAC-led assessments (complex projects)
14 Planning Phase assessments
6 Substituted to a provincial process
4 Referred to Independent Review Panel (very complex projects)

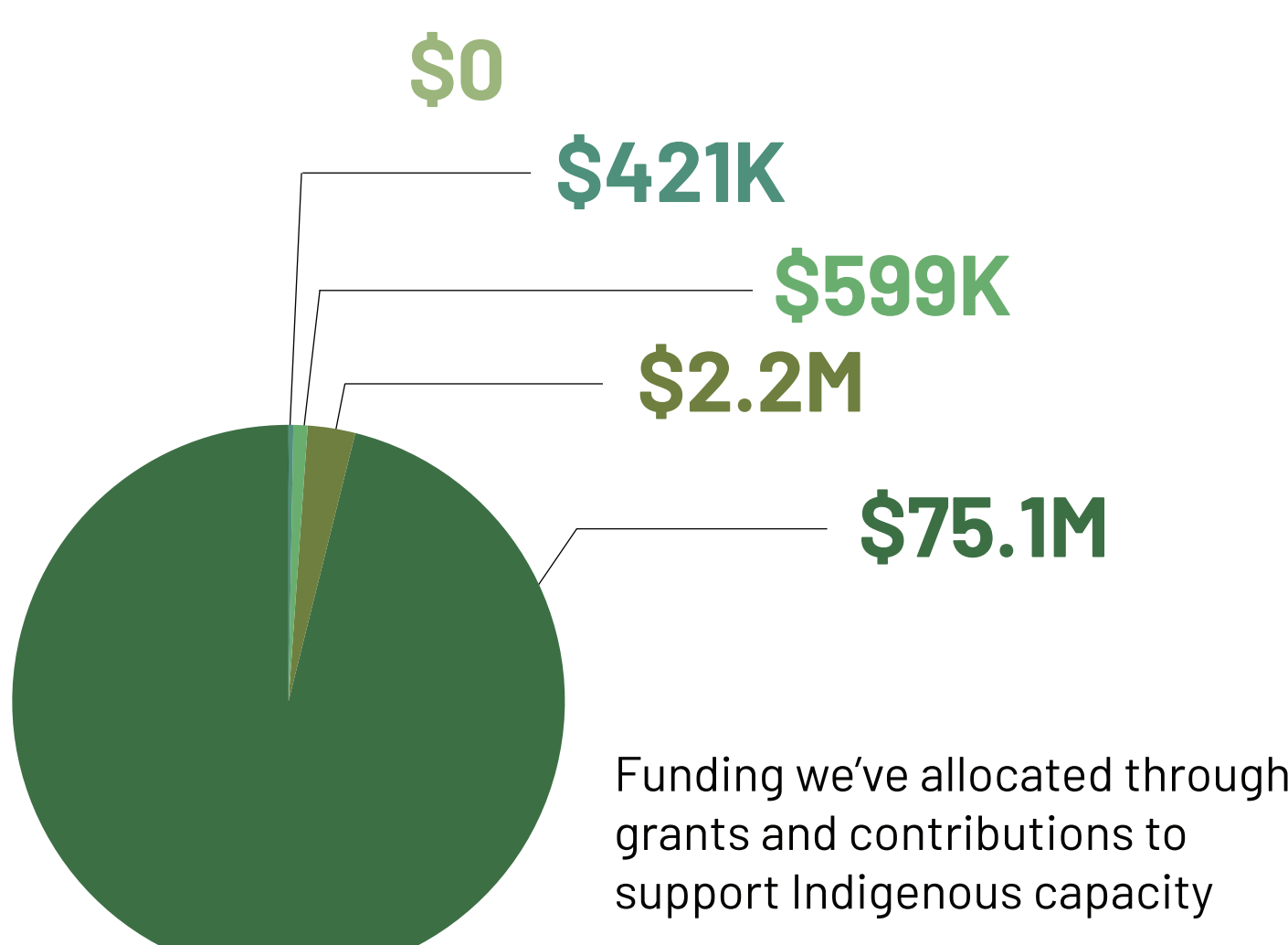
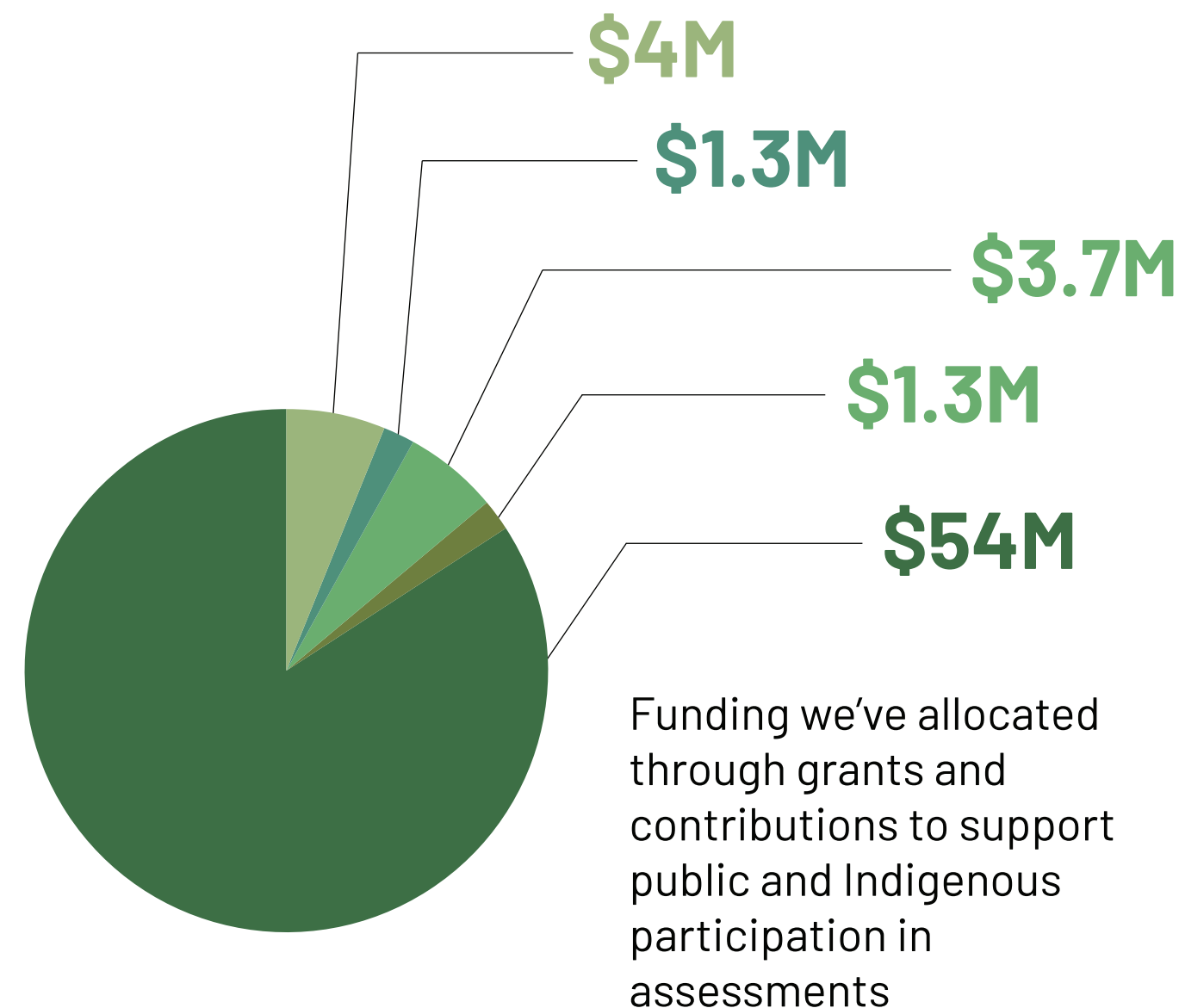
Progress in assessments



Participation



Quarter 4 ending Mar 31, 2026
Quarter 3 ending Dec 31, 2025
Quarter 2 ending Sept 30, 2025
Quarter 1 ending June 30, 2025
Total since Aug 2019



Did You Know?

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

Over the last year, **18 FINAL DECISIONS** have been issued, with average review timelines of **SEVEN MONTHS** (excluding time suspensions or abeyances by proponents), supporting **\$28.7 billion** in new investment in responsible development across Canada.

Since March 2025, a total of **24 major project plans** have entered the IAA system. That is **TRIPLE** the historic annual average.

Monitoring

Inspections (on and offsite)

18 Quarter 4 ending Mar 31, 2026
18 Quarter 3 ending Dec 31, 2025
21 Quarter 2 ending Sept 30, 2025
7 Quarter 1 ending June 30, 2025
364 Total since Aug 2019

Decisions

Requests for assessments (All types)

Yes, an assessment should be considered 1 0 0 0 7
No, an assessment should not be considered 2 1 1 1 84

Early Impact Assessment (IA) decisions (Planning Phase)

Further assessment not required 8 2 3 2 30
Broad IA required (complex project) 1 1 2 2 25

Impact assessment decisions for complex projects

Complete, with conditions to manage adverse federal effects 1 0 1 0 3

Decisions to substitute*

0 0 0 0 4

Environmental Assessment decisions (CEAA 2012)

Allowed to proceed (with conditions) 1 0 0 0 20
Not allowed to proceed 0 0 0 0 4



¹All statistics as of March 31, 2026. Our quarter reports end June 30, September 30, December 31 and March 31.

²Energy Transition Metals Production Scores: Australia Top, BloombergNEF, July 5, 2023, pp 15-16.

³Where projects are multi-sector, only the main sector has been identified.

⁴Includes nuclear projects, powerlines, dams, hydroelectric, and offshore wind.

⁵Includes railways, highways, bridges, airports, ports and harbours, and aerodromes.

⁶All requests for assessments, including request to designate a physical activity and for a regional assessment.

To learn more about the projects we review, check out the **Canadian Impact Assessment Registry**



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