

Tracking Trump's to-do list

US President Donald Trump made many promises during the election. We track the progress of some of his pledges after his hectic first month in office.

CONDUCT EXTREME VETTING/ BAN REFUGEES ENTERING THE U.S.

Status: **ON HOLD**

Mr Trump signed an executive order putting a 120-day hold on allowing refugees into the country, an indefinite ban on refugees from Syria, and a 90-day bar on citizens from seven Muslim-majority countries.

The order is currently in limbo after a federal judge suspended it and a court of appeals subsequently upheld the decision.

What's next?: The White House could either take the case to the Supreme Court or issue a new executive order.

REPEAL AND REPLACE OBAMACARE

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

The first executive order signed by Mr Trump targeted former president Barack Obama's signature healthcare reform plan. The order directed agencies to "minimise the unwarranted economic and regulatory burdens of the Act" – effectively weakening the law by calling for lenient enforcement of its penalties.

What's next?: Republicans must draft a replacement for Obamacare, and get it passed through Congress before President Trump can sign the new rules into law.

BUILD THE WALL AND GET MEXICO TO PAY FOR IT

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

Mr Trump formally ordered the construction of a wall along the roughly 3,200km-long US-Mexico border to reduce illegal immigration, a major promise he made during the presidential campaign. He also ordered the government to "allocate all sources of federal funds" for the wall, which could cost as much as US\$25 billion (\$36 billion).

What's next?: The order does not have the force of law for Mr Trump to approve the project and set aside funds for it if it is to be built. Then he has to find a way to get Mexico to pay.

DEPORT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS EN MASSE

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

Mr Trump's executive order pledged to hire 10,000 more immigration officers, outlined new criteria for undocumented immigrants who should be prioritised for deportation, and called for federal grant money to be revoked from "sanctuary cities" that refuse to deport undocumented immigrants.

What's next: Like much of Mr Trump's other pledges, executive orders can only go so far. The administration will need to work with Congress to overhaul immigration law.

WITHDRAW FROM THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

Status: **COMPLETE**

Mr Trump signed an executive order to formally withdraw from the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade pact in the first week of his presidency. It officially closed the book on a deal that already had no hope of getting ratified by Congress. He said the pact will take jobs away from Americans and calls the withdrawal "a great thing" for American workers.

FAST-TRACK HIGH-PRIORITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Status: **TO BE ADDRESSED**

Mr Trump pledged to create jobs by commissioning giant infrastructure projects to overhaul America's roads, bridges, tunnels and airports.

What's next?: Congress controls the purse strings, so the White House needs to work with lawmakers on this. Infrastructure investment has bipartisan support. The only problem is finding the money to pay for it.

APPOINT A CONSERVATIVE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

On Jan 31, Mr Trump nominated Mr Neil Gorsuch for a lifetime job on the US Supreme Court, picking the 49-year-old federal appeals court judge to restore the court's conservative majority and help shape rulings on divisive issues such as abortion, gun control, the death penalty and religious rights.

What's next?: The judge will now be subject to a confirmation hearing and vote from the US Senate.

RENEGOTIATE NORTH AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Status: **IN PROGRESS**

Mr Trump has signalled his intention to begin renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement (Nafta) with the leaders of Canada and Mexico. He warned that he would abandon the pact unless the US gets "a fair deal". He has not been explicit on what he wants to change in Nafta, which took effect in 1994. There has been no formal reopening of negotiations.

What's next?: The administration needs to get all the parties back to the negotiating table and then, if a new agreement can be found, get that passed by lawmakers.

IMPOSE BORDER ADJUSTMENT TAXES

Status: **TO BE ADDRESSED**

Mr Trump advocated imposing taxes on all imports of goods and services that enter the US. He proposed such a tax on Mexican imports, indicating that the generated funds could be routed to pay for the proposed border wall between the two countries.

What's next?: Mr Trump needs to work with Congress to come up with a plan, but they need to be wary about measures that might run afoul of international treaties.

CUT TAXES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

Status: **TO BE ADDRESSED**

Mr Trump signalled he will consider tax cuts across the board for both individuals and corporations. In particular, he has proposed that a corporate tax cut from 35 per cent to 20 per cent would help erode competitiveness in China and the Asia region.

What's next?: Tax cuts also need to be done through Congress and the President needs to do this without putting further strain on the US Budget.