



Government Priorities of the Day - Budget 2018

Speaker Biographies

Janique Caron, Assistant Comptroller General, Financial Management Sector, Treasury Board Secretariat

Janique joined the Treasury Board Secretariat in April 2018 as the Assistant Comptroller General for the Financial Management Sector. Prior to that, Janique was Deputy Assistant Commissioner and Agency Comptroller at the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) supporting the Chief Financial Officer in managing the Finance and Administration Branch and leading a team of 1,400 employees located across the country who deliver finance, real property, administration and security services to CRA offices.

Janique graduated from the Université de Moncton in 1987 in business administration and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA). She contributed to the accounting profession as a volunteer with the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants of Canada (now CPA Canada) on their education activities. More specifically, she served as a member of the Board of Evaluation responsible for the examination of candidates to the accounting profession, chairing the board in 2011 and 2012.

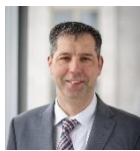
Prior to entering the public service, Janique worked at the Office of the Auditor General, Québec provincial Auditor General and in a private sector accounting firm. She began at CRA in 2002 as Director, Internal Audit. She moved to a financial management role in 2009 and Director, Strategic Investment Planning and Oversight.

Filipe Dinis, Chief Operating Officer, Bank of Canada

Filipe Dinis is Chief Operating Officer at the Bank of Canada. As COO, he is responsible for overseeing the Bank's strategic planning, corporate functions and operations including bank note production.

Mr. Dinis has had a distinguished career in public service. Before joining the Bank, Mr. Dinis served in the federal Privy Council Office, where he was Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet and provided strategic advice and analysis to the Clerk of the Privy Council on Business Transformation and Public Service Renewal. He also served as Secretary to the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee on the Public Service. Prior to that position, he was Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Commissioner at the Canada Revenue Agency. He also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

Mr. Dinis holds a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University, and is a Chartered Professional Accountant. Mr. Dinis is also a recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.



Scott Davis, A/Director General, Financial Strategies and Costing, Shared Services Canada

As the Acting Director General, Financial Strategies and Costing in Shared Services Canada (SSC), Scott is currently responsible for all primary functions related to financial strategies and costing within SSC, including the Cost Management Advisory Services, Treasury Board (TB) of Canada Submissions, Investment Planning, and Financial Community Development.

Prior to joining Shared Services Canada, Scott has gained significant experience in financial strategies primarily with the Office of the Comptroller General at the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat. Scott has gained experience in investment planning and implementation of integrated financial and non-financial management reporting system with the National Research Council in various financial management Director roles. Prior to joining the public service, Scott has worked in various multi-national companies across the United States and Canada, focused on accounting and reporting.

Scott holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Bishop's University and is a Certified Professional Accountant.

Scott has gained extensive experience leading and managing change inherent to centralization and transformation programs. He has developed strong program delivery credentials by focusing teams on process optimization, facilitating stakeholders to common goals and maintaining disciplined oversight/governance. Scott has built strong partnerships across various stakeholder groups within Government of Canada and with industry. He gained respect and credibility as a hardworking go-to leader, capable of implementing complex, high-profile programs and projects.

Jamie Tibbetts, Senior Consultant, Financial Services

Moderator

Currently a Senior Consultant and Strategic Advisor, Jamie Tibbetts retired from the Federal Public Service in 2016 capping off a distinguished 34-year career. Throughout his public service career, Mr. Tibbetts was an active supporter and participant in FMI events.

Between 2011 and 2016, Mr. Tibbetts served as the Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Health Canada conceptualizing and leading transformation of Health Canada's finance functions, including the successful implementation of SAP workflow to fully automated its "Procure to Pay" processes using electronic signatures and eliminating "wet ink" paper based processes.

Mr. Tibbetts was a CFO in the Government of Canada for 11 years and an executive for 17 years working in several departments and agencies during his career. He also has extensive experience in First Nations and Inuit programming.

Mr. Tibbetts is an alumni of Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia and is the recipient of the 2013-2014 Governor General of Canada Public Service Award of Excellence. He also received the 2013-2014 Chartered Professional Accountants (CPA) of Canada awards of Excellence in Public Sector Financial Management Innovation.



Paul Thoppil, Chief Finances, Results and Delivery Officer, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

Paul Thoppil joined Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) in November 2014 as the Chief Financial Officer and was promoted to Senior Assistant Deputy Minister as Chief, Finances, Results and Delivery Officer in Feb 2017. Leading a sector of 500+ employees, he oversees overall responsibility for Planning, Research, financial management and administration, and information technology and management associated with the \$8.5B budget of INAC.

Between August 2016 to Mar 2017, Paul acted as Interim Senior Assistant Deputy Minister for Policy and Strategic Direction in addition to his CFO responsibilities. He was responsible for short, medium and long-term policy planning; cabinet, legislative, parliamentary and regulatory affairs; strategic management of litigation; Aboriginal, international and intergovernmental relations; integrated planning, research statistics and results-based management.

Prior to INAC, in 2009 Paul joined the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada where he held the position of Commercial Minister at the Canadian Embassy to Japan in Tokyo. While in Tokyo, Paul advanced free-trade negotiations with Japan on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Between joining the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2004 and the Canadian Embassy in 2009, Paul served several successive Director General positions responsible for such functions as Innovation and Partnerships, Corporate Finance, Corporate Planning (International Trade), and Global Business Opportunities. He has previous experience bridging the gap between the private and public sectors having served as CFO and V.P., Risk and Financial Services, for the Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC), where he worked following his entry into the public service at the Treasury Board Secretariat and the Department of Finance.

Paul obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Ottawa and is a Chartered Accountant.

Dr. Nadia Ferrara, Departmental Liaison, Status of Women Canada

Dr. Ferrara is the Departmental Liaison at the Department of Status of Women Canada. Before joining Status of Women, Dr. Ferrara worked in Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada for over a decade, where she developed social policies and frameworks in collaboration with Indigenous partners.

Dr. Ferrara is also a medical anthropologist and remains on Faculty at McGill University as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Anthropology where she supervises graduate and undergraduate students in her spare time.

Before entering the Government of Canada in 2003, Dr. Ferrara worked as an art therapist for 16 years, specializing in cross-cultural psychotherapy with Indigenous peoples in Quebec and Ontario. Her education includes a Master of Arts in Art Therapy, a Master of Science in Transcultural Psychiatry, and a Doctorate in Medical Anthropology.

In addition to her publications of several journal articles and chapters in various books across North America and in Europe, Dr. Ferrara has published two books on her work with the Crees of Northern Quebec: *Emotional Expression among Cree Indians* and *Healing through Art*. Dr. Ferrara's most recent publication, *Reconciling and Rehumanizing Indigenous-Settler Relations*, is a reflection on her work as an applied anthropologist and advocate for Indigenous peoples. Her fourth book, *In Pursuit of Impact: Trauma and Resilience Informed Policy Development*, will be published in the fall of 2018.

Dr. Ferrara is also an artist. One of her sculptures, *The Friendship Knot*, is permanently placed at her former high school in Montréal, where she was born and raised.



Guy Morissette, Director General, Key Initiatives, Health Canada

Guy Morissette, graduated from École nationale d'administration publique (Université du Québec) and Collège militaire royal de St-Jean. Held progressively senior positions with the Federal public service over the course of his career. Worked in a number of federal departments including Employment and Social Development Canada and the Canadian International Development Agency. Presently Director General, Key Initiatives in the Opioid Response Team at Health Canada.

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