



## Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

### **From the Ontario Commission to a Flight of Fantasy on Public Sector Effectiveness and Efficiency**

Don Drummond  
4:00-5:30 PM  
Thursday, March 14, 2013  
Karsh Room, Rideau Club  
99 Bank Street, 15th floor  
Ottawa, Ontario

(please note that the Rideau Club dress code requires men to wear a jacket)

To attend, please RSVP by March 12, 2013 to [andrew.sharpe@csls.ca](mailto:andrew.sharpe@csls.ca).

In February 2012 the Government of Ontario released the report *Public Services for Ontarians: A Path to Sustainability and Excellence* by the Commission on the Reform of Ontario's Public Services, chaired by economist Don Drummond. The Commission had an extraordinary wide mandate to delve into almost every corner of the government's activities to think long and hard about how government can work better for the benefit of everyone in the province. The resulting report, over 500 pages in length, provided a comprehensive roadmap, with detailed recommendations, for the Government of Ontario to address its fiscal challenges.

By the Government of Ontario's count, almost 50 per cent of the recommendations have been implemented already and only about a dozen have been rejected outright. But the remaining issues tend to be the more difficult ones, requiring fundamental reform in design as opposed to just changing spending parameters. Don Drummond will provide his unique perspective on why the tougher recommendations have yet to be picked up. And he will draw inferences from the report and the response to it for other jurisdictions, including the federal government. He will argue that effective and efficient public services will require fundamentally different approaches everywhere, and even a different type of civil servant.

Don Drummond is Matthews Fellow on Global Public Policy and Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the School of Policy Studies at Queen's University. From 1977 to 2000 he held a series of progressively more senior positions in the areas of economic analysis and forecasting, fiscal policy and tax policy at Finance Canada, including Associate Deputy Minister of Finance. In 2000, he joined the TD Bank as Senior Vice-President and Chief Economist. He retired from the TD Bank in 2010. He has a BA in economics from the University of Victoria and a MA in economics from Queen's University.