



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

Reflections from Canada's First Parliamentary Budget Officer: Accomplishments, Lessons Learned, and the Road Ahead

Kevin Page

4:00-5:30 PM
Thursday, January 17, 2013
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
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To attend, please RSVP by January 15 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

Established by the Conservative Government in 2006 as part of the *Federal Accountability Act*, the mandate of the Parliamentary Budget Officer (PBO) is to “provide independent analysis to Parliament on the state of the nation's finances, the government's estimates and trends in the Canadian economy; and upon request from a committee or parliamentarian, to estimate the financial cost of any proposal for matters over which Parliament has jurisdiction.”

Under the leadership of the first PBO, Kevin Page, the office has gained a solid reputation for cogent, independent analysis of federal budgetary issues and has become an important (and often controversial) player in discussions of federal government spending. In this seminar, Kevin Page, whose five-year term will end in March 2013, will provide his reflections on the accomplishments, lessons learned, and the future of the PBO.

Kevin Page was appointed Canada's first Parliamentary Budget Officer in March 2008, after 27 years of experience in the federal public service. He has worked extensively on economic and fiscal issues at the three main central agencies (Finance Canada, the Treasury Board Secretariat and the Privy Council Office). He has also worked for other departments including Fisheries and Oceans, Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada and Human Resources and Social Development Canada. Kevin has a Master's Degree in Economics from Queen's University and an Honour's BA in Economics from Lakehead and Simon Fraser Universities.