



Invitation to Attend the CSLS Seminar Series on Living Standards

A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness

Senators Hugh Segal and Art Eggleton

3:30-5:00 PM
Tuesday, March 2, 2010
Karsh Room, Rideau Club
99 Bank Street, 15th floor
Ottawa, Ontario

To attend, please RSVP by February 26 to andrew.sharpe@csls.ca.

In December 2009 the Standing Senate Committee on Social Affairs, Science and Technology issued a landmark report entitled *In from the Margins: A Call to Action on Poverty, Housing and Homelessness*. The report, based on a myriad of expert witnesses, site visits, roundtables, and testimony from persons living in poverty and homelessness, provides a comprehensive picture of the social landscape of this country.

In this seminar, the Honourable Art Eggleton, Chair of the Senate Committee responsible for the report, and the Honourable Hugh Segal, Deputy Chair, will present the key findings and recommendations of the report. They will argue that it is essential that we go beyond the “path dependency” paralysis that has typified federal and provincial policy under governments of all affiliations for decades. The cycle of poverty in Canada must be broken and its devastating burden lifted.

Senator Art Eggleton was appointed to the Senate in March 2005 as a member of the Liberal caucus. Prior to his appointment, Senator Eggleton held a number of elected offices, including Mayor of Toronto (1980 to 1991), President of the Treasury Board, Minister of International Trade, and Minister of National Defense.

Senator Hugh Segal was appointed to the Senate in August 2005 as a member of the Conservative caucus. Prior to his appointment, Senator Segal served in the public and private sectors for 33 years. His positions included President of the Institute for Research on Public Policy, Associate Secretary of Cabinet for Federal-Provincial Affairs in Ontario and Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of Canada.