



2012 Selection Committee Member



Jean-Pierre Blais

Assistant Secretary, Government Operations Sector

Jean-Pierre Blais was appointed the Assistant Secretary of the Government Operations Sector, effective September 19, 2011.

Prior to this, he was the Assistant Deputy Minister of Cultural Affairs in the Department of Canadian Heritage. His responsibilities include legislation, policies and programs relating to copyright, broadcasting, cultural industries and arts policy.

Previously, Mr. Blais was Assistant Deputy Minister of International and Intergovernmental Affairs at Canadian Heritage and Executive Director of Broadcasting at the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission. He is a member of the Quebec Bar and the Law Society of Upper Canada. He holds both a Bachelor of Civil Law and a Bachelor of Common Law from McGill University, as well as a Master of Laws from Melbourne University in Australia.

Government Operations Sector (GOS)

The Government Operations Sector supports the Treasury Board in its role as a management board and budget office. The Sector provides ongoing support and advice to 44 departments and agencies in a portfolio that includes the central agencies, Public Works and Government Services Canada, many Crown corporations, and the Agents and Officers of Parliament. The Sector has a dual mandate as it 1) provides policy advice and analysis on corporate governance, Crown corporations, and small agency support and 2) provides analysis and advice on management capacity and risks, strategic resource allocation and effective program design related to various government operational issues including: federal real property; procurement; modernization of the Government of Canada pension and pay systems; public service pension and benefits; federal tax system; national revenue; and commissions of inquiry. GOS comprises three Directorates, each led by an Executive Director: Governance; Government Operations and Services; and Government and Parliamentary Operations.