



Sheila Fraser, FCA
Auditor General of Canada

Sheila Fraser was appointed Auditor General of Canada on 31 May 2001.

Born in Dundee, Quebec, Ms. Fraser earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University in 1972 and became a Chartered Accountant in 1974.

As Auditor General, Ms. Fraser has focused the Office's efforts on serving the needs of parliamentarians and ensuring they have objective and reliable information with which to scrutinize government activities and hold the government to account for its stewardship of public funds. She has promoted the use of plain language in the Office's performance audit reports tabled in the House of Commons. At her initiative, Canada was the first legislative audit office to request a review of its performance audit practice in an effort to provide assurance about the quality of its work. In 2004, an international team made up of representatives of the legislative audit offices of the United Kingdom, Norway, France, and the Netherlands completed a highly favourable [report](#).

Before joining the Office, Ms. Fraser enjoyed a fruitful and challenging career with the firm of Ernst & Young, where she became a partner in 1981. In its Québec City office, she was responsible for a wide range of private and public sector clients. She participated in several assignments with the Auditor General of Québec, as well as with several departments of the Government of Québec. She joined the Office of the Auditor General of Canada as Deputy Auditor General in January 1999.

Ms. Fraser has always been active in her profession, at both the provincial and national levels. For her noteworthy service to the auditing and accounting professions, she was awarded the Prix Émérite 1993 and the designation "Fellow" by the *Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec* in 1994 and by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario in 2000. She received the Governor General's medal commemorating Canada's 125th anniversary in 1992. Ms. Fraser has also been awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degrees from Simon Fraser University, Queen's University, the University of Waterloo, Nipissing University, Université de Montréal, Carleton University and McGill University, which recognize her contribution to the fields of accounting and legislative auditing. In 2006, she was recognized with the Faculty of Management Achievement Award from McGill University.

Ms. Fraser served as Chair of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants in 2004-05. From 2001 to 2007, she chaired the Working Group on Environmental Auditing and the Professional Standards Committee's Sub-committee on SAI (Supreme Audit Institutions) Independence, two committees of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). In January 2008, she began a three-year term as Chairperson of the Professional Standards Committee's Sub-committee on Accounting and Reporting. In 2008, Ms. Fraser was appointed as a public member of the International Federation of Accountants-International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IFAC-IPSASB).