



Key messages

- ▶ I am honoured to have been given this opportunity to serve the people of Canada as Minister of _____.
- ▶ Canadians gave our government a mandate to make life more affordable, build stronger and healthier families and help workers get ahead.

- ▶ I will get right to work with my department to implement our agenda.
- ▶ I also look forward to working with my provincial counterparts and stakeholders across the country to provide Canadians with the tools they need to succeed in a changing world.

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)

Key facts:

- ▶ ESDC spent \$130.3 billion in 2018–19 to deliver policies, programs and services, representing 35% of total federal government spending.
- ▶ 93.6% (\$122 billion) of ESDC expenditures provided direct benefits to Canadians, corresponding

to 5.5% of Canada's GDP, and a further 2.6% (\$3.3 billion) was transferred to provinces and territories.

- ▶ ESDC is the fourth-largest federal government department and has over 25,000 employees working across Canada.
- ▶ There are 318 Service Canada Centres and hundreds more points of service.

How ESDC serves Canadians:

- ▶ Ensures Canadians can use their talents, skills and abilities to learn, work and participate in their communities.
- ▶ Supports Canadians through all stages of life, from early childhood to post-secondary education, from the workplace and into retirement.

- ▶ Provides income support for seniors, families with children, and people who lose their jobs, have an illness or care for a loved one.
- ▶ Helps Canadians who have distinct needs, such as Indigenous people, people with disabilities, those who are homeless and recent immigrants.

- ▶ Promotes safe, fair, healthy and inclusive workplaces and encourages cooperative working relationships and labour standards at home and abroad.
- ▶ Offers mediation services to ensure labour relations stability.
- ▶ Delivers programs and services on behalf of other departments and agencies (e.g. passports).