

## Sheila Fraser — Auditor General of Canada

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

Mrs. Fraser was born on 16 September 1950, in Dundee, Quebec. She earned a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University in 1972. She became a Chartered Accountant in 1974 and an FCA in 1994.

Mrs. Fraser joined the Office of the Auditor General as Deputy Auditor General, Audit Operations in January 1999. She has played a key role in the Office's strategic planning, policy and program development, resource allocation, and other senior

management activities. She was responsible for reviewing audit findings to ascertain the nature and extent of problems in the audited organizations and bring them to the Auditor General's attention. She was also responsible for signing, on the Auditor General's behalf, opinions on the financial statements of Crown corporations and other separate entities.

Before joining the Office, Mrs. Fraser enjoyed a fruitful and challenging career with the firm of Ernst & Young, where she became a partner in 1981. In the Quebec 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 Quebec, as well as with several departments of the Government of Quebec.

Mrs. 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 is also a recipient of the Governor General's medal commemorating Canada's 125th anniversary and a member of the Public Sector Accounting Board of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants.

She is currently Chair of the Working Group on Environmental Auditing, and Chair of the Sub-Committee on Independance of Supreme Audit Institutions, two committees of the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI). She is also a member of the Executive and Board of Governors of the Canadian Comprehensive Audit Foundation.

Sheila Fraser is married to Henri Gagnon and they have three children.

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