Briefing on the New Parliament

December 12, 2019
Regional Seat Distribution

Battleground B.C.

Liberals pushed out

ON largely static

Flip from NDP to Bloc

Minor changes in the Maritimes

BC

2015: 14, 10, 17
2019: 2, 11, 11

AB

2015: 29, 17, 17
2019: 33, 11, 1

MB/SK

2015: 5, 15, 8
2019: 3, 21, 4

ON

2015: 80, 33, 8
2019: 79, 36, 6

QC

2015: 10, 12, 16, 1
2019: 32, 10, 10, 3

AC

2015: 32, 40, 1
2019: 26, 35, 1

Legend:
- Liberal
- Conservative
- NDP
- Green
- Bloc Quebecois
- PPC
- Other
Challenges & opportunities of minority government
Minority Parliament

In a minority government, Trudeau and the Liberals face a unique set of challenges

- Stable, for now
- Campaign driven by consumer issues continues
Minority Parliament

- Volatile and highly partisan
- Scaled back agenda
- The budget is key
- Regulation instead of legislation
- Advocacy more complicated
- House committee wild cards
- “Weaponized” Private Members’ Bills (PMBs)
Kitchen Table Issues and Other Priorities

- Taxes
- Affordability
- Cost of Living
- Healthcare Costs
- Deficits
- Climate Change
- Indigenous Issues
- Gender Equality
National Unity

Prairies and the West

Québéc
Federal Fiscal Outlook

• Parliamentary Budget Officer’s most recent forecast has downgraded predicted growth for the economy

• The Liberal platform costing projected adding $31.5 billion in new debt over the next four years
The Conservatives

- Campaigned on cutting regulatory burden, review of “corporate welfare”
- Mr. Scheer called a special caucus meeting on December 12 where he announced he was stepping down
- The scheduled convention in April will now focus on choosing a new leader for the party, if not sooner; Scheer will officially step down once a new leader is chosen
Bloc Québécois

Yves-Francois Blanchet, leader of the Bloc Quebecois, successfully reversed the fortunes of his party

Election:

• Total Québec autonomy for healthcare
• Increase federal contribution by 6% per year to return to 25% contribution
BQ Critics

Luc Thériault
HEALTH

Simon-Pierre Savard-Tremblay
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY CRITIC

Gabriel Ste-Marie
FINANCE AND TREASURY BOARD CRITIC

Andréeanne Larouche
STATUS OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY & SENIORS
The NDP

Jagmeet Singh is seen as secure in his leadership

Election:
• Medicine for all - universal public health care Expand Medicare – to include universal prescription drug coverage for everyone
• Expanding EI Sickness Benefit to 50 weeks
NDP Critics

Don Davies
HEALTH

Brian Masse
INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY CRITIC

Daniel Blaikie
EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND DISABILITY INCLUSION

Scott Duvall
FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR SOUTHERN ONTARIO, LABOUR, PENSIONS, SENIORS

Lindsay Mathyssen
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND YOUTH & WOMEN AND GENDER EQUALITY
List for the consideration of private members’ business

1. Webber, Len - CPC
2. Saroya, Bob - CPC
3. Ste-Marie, Gabriel - BLOC
4. Michaud, Kristina - BLOC
5. Davidson, Scot - CPC
6. Cumming, James - CPC
7. Waugh, Kevin - CPC
8. Scarpaleggia, Francis - LIB
9. McLean, Greg - CPC
10. Damoff, Pam - LIB
11. Jeneroux, Matt - CPC
12. Stubbs, Shannon - CPC
13. Gallant, Cheryl - CPC
14. Julian, Peter - NDP
15. Bérubé, Sylvie – BLOC
16. Battiste, Jaime - LIB
17. Lawrence, Philip - CPC
18. Plamondon, Louis - BLOC
19. Maguire, Larry - CPC
20. Barlow, John - CPC
The government will require a much more engaging and conciliatory approach to the Senate on legislative initiatives:

• Senate leadership
• Independent Senators Group (ISG)
• Conservatives
Senate

• Newly announced Canadian Senators Group (CSG) of eleven senators from across Canada
• Liberal Caucus has reformed as the Progressive Senate Group
Ministers of Relevance

Justin Trudeau
PRIME MINISTER

Chrystia Freeland
DEPUTY PM, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Bill Morneau
FINANCE

Patty Hajdu
HEALTH

Pablo Rodríguez
LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS
Ministers of Relevance

Deb Schulte
SENIORS

Navdeep Bains
INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

Carla Qualtrough
EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND DISABILITY INCLUSION

Bardish Chagger
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND YOUTH
Patricia Hajdu
Minister of Health

• First elected in 2015 – Thunder Bay—Superior North
• Former Minister of Status for Women and Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour
• Co-author of Thunder Bay Drug Strategy as former Executive Director of Shelter House in Thunder Bay
• Bachelor of Arts, Lakehead University and Masters in Public Administration, University of Victoria
Deputy Ministers

Ian Shugart
CLERK OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

Simon Kennedy
DEPUTY MINISTER, INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA

Paul Thompson
ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CANADA

Paul Rochon
DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE

Dr. Stephen Lucas
DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH CANADA

Christiane Fox
DEPUTY MINISTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS AND YOUTH
Parliamentary Secretaries

Darren Fisher
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

Will Amos
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF INNOVATION, SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY (SCIENCE)

Irek Kusmierczyk
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND DISABILITY INCLUSION

Stéphane Lauzon
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF SENIORS

Adam van Koeverden
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND YOUTH AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE (SPORT)
Liberal Party Health Care: Closing the Gaps
(Announcement on Monday Sept. 23)

A re-elected Liberal government will make sure everyone can afford the medications they need by:

• **Implementing Universal Pharmacare**, so that all Canadians have the drug coverage they need at an affordable price;

• Establishing the **Canada Drug Agency** to make drug purchasing more effective and efficient, and implementing a national formulary with partners to set prices; and

• Bringing down the cost of lifesaving high-cost drugs for families through the **Rare Diseases Drug Strategy**

A re-elected Liberal government will improve access to health care by:

• Ensuring that every Canadian can easily find a family doctor or primary care team;

• Setting clear national standards for access to mental health services so Canadians can get the support they need quickly, when they need it most; and

• Continuing to make home care and palliative care more available to those who need it
Speech from the Throne

The Speech laid out the government’s priorities for parliament and focused on five key priorities:

1. National Unity
2. Climate Change
3. Strengthening the Middle Class
4. Indigenous Reconciliation
5. Health and Safety
Speech from the Throne

• Family doctors, mental health, opioids lead the health list. There was a nod to dental for the NDP, but only as a Parliamentary review.

• National pharmacare was downplayed. The “universal” was used in “the missing piece of universal health care” rather than “universal pharmacare”
Speech from the Throne

• The Government will strengthen health care and work with the provinces and territories to make sure all Canadians get the high-quality care they deserve. It will:

• Work with provinces, territories, health professionals and experts in industry and academia to make sure that all Canadians can access a primary care family doctor;

• Partner with provinces, territories, and health professionals to introduce mental health standards in the workplace, and to make sure that Canadians are able to get mental health care when they need it; and

• Make it easier for people to get the help they need when it comes to opioids and substance abuse. Canadians have seen the widespread harm caused by opioid use in this country. More needs to be done, and more will be done.

• Too often, Canadians who fall sick suffer twice: once from becoming ill, and again from financial hardship caused by the cost of their medications.

• Given this reality, pharmacare is the key missing piece of universal health care in this country. The Government will take steps to introduce and implement national pharmacare so that Canadians have the drug coverage they need.
Timeline: Key Dates

Anticipated Fiscal Economic Update

Last day of Parliamentary sitting for 2019

Parliamentary sitting resumes

Budget 2020
Strategic Considerations & Recommendations
Strategic Recommendations

• Messaging and partnership alignment
  • Tell your story and explain how neurological and mental health disorders cost the Canadian economy $61 billion annually – more than cancer and cardiovascular disease combined:
  • with department officials
  • with politicos – key caucus contacts
  • with patient voices/coalitions (like EI Sickness Benefit)
Strategic Considerations

Your issues

• Pharmacare
  • Drugs for Rare Diseases (DRDs)
  • Canadian Drug Agency (CDA)

• EI Sickness Benefit
  • Income insecurity
  • Caregiver support

• Mental Health
Strategic Considerations

• How to deploy MPs to pressure government (committees – who & what)
• Cross-party coalitions
• Local and regional aspects
• Identifying key champions – one third of MPs are new
• Mobilized champion senators (several with health backgrounds)