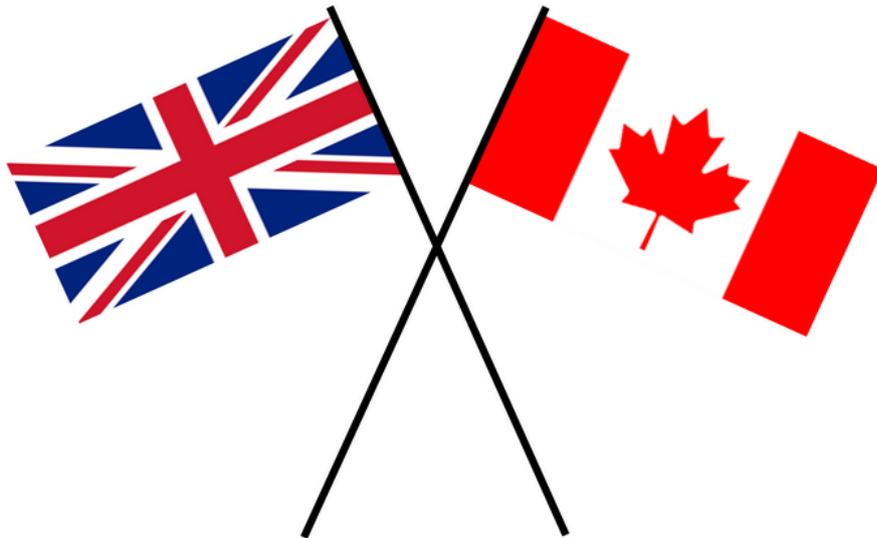




Visit from Members of the Federal Parliament of Canada

13 - 15 March 2017, UK Parliament
16 - 17 March 2017, Scottish Parliament



Final Report





Contents

About the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK**Error! Bookmark not defined.**

Summary of Programme 4

Project Overview 5

Aim & Objectives of Project 5

Participants & Key Stakeholders 5

Key Issues 6

Results of Project 8

Next steps 9

Acknowledgements 9

Annex A: Full Delegate List 10

Annex B: Full Programme 11

Annex C: Speaker Biographies 16





HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

About the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK

CPA UK is one of the largest and most active branches in the CPA community and delivers a unique annual international outreach programme in Westminster and overseas. CPA UK works to encourage parliamentary diplomacy and build parliamentary capacity on behalf of the UK Parliament and the wider CPA. Through activities such as conferences, seminars, delegations and parliamentary strengthening teams, CPA UK provides Members with a practical, current and first-hand perspective on international issues facing fellow parliamentarians across the Commonwealth. Working with CPA UK's international outreach programmes also enhances Members' understanding of issues facing diaspora communities in their own constituencies. For more information, visit www.uk-cpa.org



Summary

From 13 to 17 March 2017, CPA UK and CPA Scotland hosted a delegation of Members of the Federal Parliament of Canada. The delegation consisted of eight members of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association and five members of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association. The focus of the visit was on the UK's decision to exit the European Union. The main discussions evolved around the implications of Brexit, the relationships between Westminster and the devolved legislatures, international trade, UK/Canada trade as well as the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The visit helped deepen bilateral relations between UK and Canadian parliamentarians on issues of common interest.





Project Overview

- 1.01. CPA UK and CPA Canada have a long history of facilitating successful thematic parliamentary bilateral delegations on behalf of their respective legislatures.
- 1.02. The Parliament of Canada was keen to continue to strengthen the relationship with its UK counterpart as well as Commonwealth organisations and institutions based in the UK.
- 1.03. In March 2016, a delegation from the Federal Parliament of Canada visited the UK as an introduction to the UK Parliament, to engage on issues of mutual interest and strengthen the bilateral relationship following the UK and Canadian General Elections. This was followed by a visit from the Public Accounts Committee of the Federal Parliament of Canada in December 2016.
- 1.04. In October 2016, a delegation from the UK Parliament visited Ottawa and Quebec, focusing on parliamentary management and issues of mutual interest such as devolution, the representation of women in parliament, and energy security.
- 1.05. This programme focused on increasing the Parliament of Canada's awareness of issues stemming from the UK's decision to exit the European Union, the implications for international trade between Canada and the UK, and how Brexit will affect the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).
- 1.06. Following the Westminster based programme facilitated by CPA UK, the Canadian delegation visited the Scottish Parliament. The programme in Holyrood was facilitated by CPA Scotland.

Project Aim & Objectives

- 2.01. **Aim.** To explore the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union on priority policy areas and to explore the implications for trade between Canada and the UK.
- 2.02. **Objectives.** Through meetings, discussions, and briefings with parliamentary counterparts and relevant stakeholders in the UK, the objectives of the visit were:
 - a. To understand the next steps for the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.
 - b. To explore the impact of Brexit on key policy areas in the UK through discussion with parliamentary counterparts, civil society organisations, and think tanks.
 - c. To explore the role of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the evolution of the trade relationship between Canada and the United Kingdom.
 - d. To explore the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union on relationships between Westminster and devolved legislatures, including with the Scottish Parliament.





Participants & Key Stakeholders

3.01.

- UK Parliament Members and officials
- CPA UK
- Members of the Scottish Parliament
- CPA Scotland
- Canadian High Commission London
- CPA Canada
- The Canada NATO Parliamentary Association

Key Issues

Implications of Brexit

4.01. Delegates were interested in the underlying issues that led to the outcome of the Brexit referendum, the negotiation process, and the wider implications Brexit could have both domestically and internationally.

4.02. Delegates met with Rt Hon. Alistair Carmichael MP, member of the Exiting European Union Committee, and the Clerk of the Committee, James Rhys. Mr Rhys first clarified the remit of the Committee was to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Department for Exiting the European Union. He explained the make-up of the Committee and how it differed from other parliamentary committees in that the committee consisted of 21 members, twelve of which voted to “remain” and nine voted to “leave” the EU. Mr Rhys provided delegates with an insight into the challenges faced by the committee, an update on the progress made with its research and its next steps. The delegates were interested in hearing more on the role of the Committee once the UK withdraws from the EU. Mr Carmichael explained that the Committee will focus on scrutinising the Exiting the European Union department following its official withdrawal. Delegates were also interested to know if the average British citizen’s concern over Brexit and its consequences go beyond that of the referendum. Mr Carmichael explained how his perception is that issues such as immigration and trade have become more prominent topics of discussion since the referendum but interest does not go beyond that.

4.03 A meeting with the Chair and members of the UK-Europe All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) and members of Open Britain provided the perspective of those who advocated for the UK to remain in the European Union during the referendum. Delegates were interested in the underlying issues that triggered the referendum. Anna Soubry MP explained that she believes that many people attached the perceived problems of the UK to its membership of the EU, assuming that these issues would disappear upon exiting. Ms Soubry expressed concerns for the future, anticipating a ‘hard’ Brexit would bring adverse effects. Members of the APPG expressed their preference to remain in the Single Market but conveyed their doubts





of the likelihood of this, speculating that the outcome of the negotiations with the EU would not be favourable towards the UK.

4.04 A meeting with Henry Newman, Director of Open Europe, provided an independent analysis of the events surrounding Brexit. Mr Newman explained that Prime Minister Rt Hon. Theresa May MP had been successful in uniting the Conservative Party since the referendum and since becoming its leader. He identified that the Prime Minister was mainly endorsing the concept of sovereignty and its vantages in terms of immigration policy; financial contributions to the EU and jurisdiction of courts. Delegates were interested in knowing Mr Newman's outlook on the implications of Brexit. He explained the difficulty of foreseeing the implications at this point but expects it to be a difficult few years ahead for the UK. He further explained that the balance of power in Europe was seen to be triangular, consisting of the UK, France and Germany and that the elections in France, the Netherlands and Germany were increasing uncertainty for the UK and Europe. He suggested that Brexit and the elections in 2017 across Europe will have an impact on this balance of power and the wider EU stability.

4.05 The implications of Brexit were also discussed widely in Scotland. A meeting with Per Johansson, the Head of the Information Office for the European Parliament in Edinburgh, provided delegates a viewpoint from the EU's perspective. Mr Johansson explained that EU law continued to apply in the UK, as there hadn't been any changes within the UK formally and legally although politically there had been a clear shift. He explained how Article 50 was a procedural process but was rather vague because it was drafted with the belief that it would not be triggered, which fed into the uncertainty surrounding Brexit. Delegates were interested to know whether negotiations could begin before Article 50 was triggered; Mr Johansson explained that the legal procedure is that no negotiations are to start before Article 50 is triggered. Upon triggering the Article, terms of negotiations will need to be agreed by the end of the two year period - if an agreement is not reached the UK will withdraw from the EU without a deal. Delegates inquired if the EU would be open to Scotland joining if they were to gain independence. Mr Johansson explained that nothing was certain at this stage and that opinion on this matter could differ greatly.

International Trade & CETA

4.06. The delegation was interested in the implications of Brexit on international trade as well as the EU and Canada's Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). CETA is a free trade agreement between Canada and the EU; it was signed in October 2016 and was ratified by the European Parliament on 15 February 2017¹.

4.07. Delegates met with the Chair of the International Trade Committee, Angus MacNeil MP, and members Liam Byrne MP and Nigel Evans MP. Mr MacNeil explained the remit of the Committee and its recent developments. He highlighted that the Committee had recently conducted an inquiry into UK trade following the EU referendum. Delegates were interested to know the fiscal implications of Brexit on the devolved legislatures, particularly in regards to the relationship between the Republic of Ireland and

¹ European Commission via http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ceta/index_en.htm 12/07/2017





Northern Ireland, and with Scotland should it gain independence. Members of the Committee explained that borders between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland was proving to be a contentious issue and it was unclear whether the Good Friday Agreement would still be effective following a hard Brexit. Mr Byrne further suggested that although Brexit will affect the terms of trade and migration of labour in the UK, he believed that the principle of free movement as it stands was not sustainable within the EU, at which point the UK may renegotiate its position within the EU. Delegates questioned whether the UK would seek an agreement with the EU similar to CETA. Members of the Committee noted it being a possible notion but stated that it was too early to determine this. Although it was made clear by members of the Committee that at the current stage there was more uncertainty on the implications than certainty, both the delegates and the members of the Committee highlighted the opportunity for increased bilateral trade between Canada and the UK.

4.08. The delegation also met with Dominic Webb, specialist on international trade in the House of Commons Library. Mr Webb explained the effects of Brexit on trade and highlighted the terms of CETA. He reiterated the UK's hopes for continued free trade with Canada after Brexit and explained, although official trade talks cannot go ahead before the withdrawal, initial discussions began early this year.

4.09. In Scotland, the delegation met with the Convener of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee, Gordon Lindhurst MSP, and members Bill Bowman MSP and Andy Wightman MSP. Mr Lindhurst highlighted the Committee's recent inquiry into the economic impact leaving the EU will have on Scotland. Mr Lindhurst explained that 4% of workers in Scotland are EU nationals, with some areas of Scotland relying heavily on them especially as many young Scottish nationals move to London for work. Mr Lindhurst explained how the Committee had been looking into how to maintain Scotland's economy after Brexit and one of its suggestions was to increase the number of trade representatives from Europe in Scotland. The delegation were also interested at knowing more on the Committee's findings on employment in Scotland. Mr Lindhurst highlighted that the labour market had significantly changed in the last 20 years, with London existing as an economic powerhouse, the rest of the country had "lagged behind".

The Relationship between Devolved Legislatures and Westminster

4.10. The delegation were keen to explore the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union on devolved legislatures and their relationship with Westminster.

4.11. The delegation met with Laurence Robertson MP, Chair of the Select Committee on Northern Ireland Affairs in the House of Commons. Delegates were interested in the political situation in Northern Ireland following their general election of 2 March 2017. Mr Robertson described the structure of the Northern Ireland Assembly and process of selection of the First Minister and their Deputy. He explained that with the recent election, the position of Deputy First Minister was not being agreed in protest of the selected First Minister. In the situation where an agreement is not reached, Mr Robertson explained that a new general election may be possible or Northern Ireland may have to assume direct rule by Westminster.





Delegates were also interested in the implications of Brexit on the borders between Northern Ireland and Ireland. Mr Robertson expressed that relations with Ireland transcend that of the EU and does not suspect that the current arrangements would change after withdrawing from the EU.

4.12. The delegation also met with the Select Committee on Scottish Affairs in the House of Commons. Delegates were keen to discuss the recent announcement that First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was seeking a second Independence referendum. Delegates were interested in knowing if staying a member of the EU was a higher priority for the SNP Government than having devolved powers similar to that of Quebec. Members of the Committee expressed their concerns about the possibility of being unable to retain their devolved powers with the direction of the current Government moving towards Brexit and perceived higher levels of interference from Westminster in matters that should be devolved, for example education. Delegates were interested in knowing why the Scottish Parliament was keen to recede its domestic powers to the EU and not the UK where there was a shared heritage and culture. Members of the Committee indicated that as the results of the Brexit referendum suggested, the desire of most Scots was to remain in the EU as 62% voted remain. A meeting with the Associate Director of the Centre on Constitutional Change, Professor Nicola McEwen, gave the background context to Scotland's 2014 referendum on independence and a perspective on how Brexit provided an incentive to call for a second independence referendum given that the majority of the Scottish people did not vote to leave the EU.

Outcomes

5.01. Delegates noted their appreciation of the cross-party representation in all sessions and the diverse range of views that they were exposed to. They relayed that the programme made apparent, more than ever, that the implications of Brexit were multifaceted and currently shrouded by uncertainty.

5.02. Delegates were keen to have further discussions with UK Parliamentarians on trade and welcomed further bilateral engagement.

Next Steps

6.01. CPA UK will continue engaging with CPA Canada and the Canada NATO Parliamentary Association to facilitate opportunities for further bilateral engagement.

Acknowledgements

7.01. CPA UK would like to thank all the speakers who attended the sessions for their time and expertise. CPA UK would like to thank CPA Scotland for hosting the delegation and facilitating the meetings in Edinburgh. Thanks are also given to the Federal Parliament of Canada, CPA Canada, the Canada NATO Parliamentary Association, and the Canadian High Commission in London for their roles in developing and supporting the programme.





Full Delegate List

- Frank Baylis MP (Lib)
- The Honourable Senator Michael MacDonald (Con)
- The Honourable Senator Joan Fraser (Lib)
- The Honourable Senator Leo Housakos (Con)
- Greg Fergus MP (Lib)
- Phil McColeman MP (Con)
- Tracey Ramsey MP (NDP)
- Dan Ruimy MP (Lib)
- Scott Simms MP (Lib)
- David Sweet MP (Con)
- Salma Zahid MP (Lib)
- Martin Shields MP (Con)
- Pierre-Luc Dusseault MP (NDP)
- Sonya Norris, Analyst
- Jean-François Pagé, Association Secretary
- Guyanne Lalande Desforges, Secretary to the Delegation

Full Programme

Day 1: Monday 13 March		
1415	<p>Enter Houses of Parliament, Portcullis House entrance, Victoria Embankment</p> <p><i>Met by Rachael Atkins, Americas, Caribbean, Europe and UK Overseas Territories Programme Manager, and Zahra Soolagh, Programme Officer, CPA UK.</i></p>	<i>Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament</i>
1430	<p>Meeting with Laurence Robertson MP, Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee</p> <p>This session allowed delegates to explore the impact of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union on the relationship between Westminster and Northern Ireland.</p>	<i>CPA Room</i>
1545	<p>Briefing by Dominic Webb and Vaughne Miller from the House of Commons Library: 'Brexit: Impact across policy areas and Brexit: the next steps for the UK's withdrawal from the EU'</p> <p>This briefing by specialists from the House of Commons Library explored the next steps in the UK's withdrawal from the European Union. In particular, the session allowed delegates to explore and discuss priority policy areas and how these were be impacted by the UK's decision to withdraw from the European Union.</p>	<i>CPA Room</i>
1645	<p>Meeting and welcome from CPA UK Chief Executive Andrew Tuggey CBE DL</p>	<i>CPA Room Tea</i>
1700	<p>Meeting with Members of the Committee on Exiting the European Union</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rt Hon. Alistair Carmichael MP - James Rhys, Clerk of the Committee <p>This session explored the Committee's inquiry into the UK's negotiating objectives with the European Union. Members discussed some of the potential key issues to be considered in light of the UK's exit from the EU as well as explore potential impact on priority policy areas. It also helped highlight key areas for the UK Government to</p>	<i>CPA Room</i>





HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

	take into account as it negotiates with the EU.	
1800	<i>End of Day One</i>	

Day 2: Tuesday 14 March		
0955	Enter Houses of Parliament, Portcullis House entrance, Victoria Embankment <i>Met by Zahra Soolagh, Programme Officer, CPA UK and Callum Forster, Project Officer, CPA UK .</i>	<i>Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament</i>
1010	Tour of the Houses of Parliament <i>Arranged by CPA UK</i> Delegates attended a public tour of the Palace of Westminster led by a specialist from the Parliament Education Service and Tours Office.	
1115	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>CPA Room</i>
1130	Meeting with Rt Hon. Anna Soubry MP Chair, and Members from the UK-Europe All Party Parliamentary Group This meeting involved discussions on the UK's negotiating objectives and the future relationship between the UK and the European Union with Members from the influential cross-party UK-EU All Party Parliamentary Group.	<i>CPA Room</i>
1230	Lunch with Chair and Vice Chairs of the British-Canada All Party Parliamentary Group This working lunch provided an opportunity for exchange between parliamentary colleagues on the UK-Canada relationship, including shared challenges and priorities, with members of the cross-party British-Canada All Party Parliamentary Group. <i>In attendance :</i> -Andrew Rosindell MP, <i>Chair of the British-Canada APPG</i> -Rt Hon. Lord Foulkes of Cumnock, <i>Vice Chair of the British-Canada APPG</i> -Roger Godsiff MP, <i>Vice Chair of the British-Canada APPG</i> -Lord Purvis of Tweed, <i>Vice Chair of the British-Canada APPG</i> -Rt Hon. Fiona Mactaggart MP -Jon Ashworth MP -Lord Kennedy of Southwark	<i>CPA Room</i>
1345	Meeting with Peers from the European Union Select Committee, House of Lords This meeting enabled delegates to discuss the impact of Brexit on key policy areas with Peers from the House of Lords European Union	<i>CPA Room</i>





HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

	<p>Select Committee.</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lord Boswell, Chair of European Union Select Committee -Rt Hon Lord Whitty -Lord Green of Hurstpierpoint -Baroness Verma 	
1445	<p><i>Tea</i></p> <p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <p><i>Rt Hon. John Spellar MP</i></p>	<i>CPA Room</i>
1530	<p>Meeting with Members of Select Committee on International Trade, House of Commons</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Angus Macneil, MP, Committee Chair -Rt Hon Liam Byrne, MP <p>This meeting enabled delegates the opportunity to discuss with Members of the House of Commons Select Committee on International Trade the EU-Canada CETA and the implications of Brexit on CETA.</p>	<i>CPA Room</i>
1645	<p>Meeting with Henry Newman, Director of Open Europe</p> <p>Open Europe is a non-partisan and independent policy think tank, providing an intellectual framework for thinking about Britain’s new relationship with the European Union and its role in the world.</p> <p>This meeting allowed delegates to explore Open Europe’s analysis about Britain’s future relationship with the European Union after its withdrawal from the European Union.</p>	<i>CPA room</i>
	<i>End of Day 2</i>	

Day 3: Wednesday 15 March		
0900	<p>Enter Houses of Parliament, Portcullis House entrance, <i>Victoria Embankment, Met by Zahra Soolagh, Programme Officer, CPA UK and Callum Forster, Project Officer, CPA UK.</i></p>	<i>Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament</i>
0915	<p>View Evidence Session of the Exiting the European Union Select Committee, House of Commons</p> <p>This session allowed delegates to attend an evidence session of the House of Commons Select Committee on Exiting the European Union,</p>	<i>Boothroyd Room</i>





	“The UK’s negotiating objectives for its withdrawal from the EU”.	
0945	<p>Meeting with Members of the Scottish Affairs Select Committee, House of Commons</p> <p>This session explored the relationship between the UK and Scotland, with a focus on the European Union. Members discussed the impact of the UK’s vote to leave the EU on its relationship with Scotland and key priorities for the Committee.</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Peter Wishart MP, Committee Chair -Christopher Chope MP OBE -Deidre Brock MP -Ian Murray MP -Chris Law MP 	CPA Room
1045	<p>Programme debrief with CPA UK Staff</p> <p>This session provided an opportunity to evaluate the programme and discuss further support that can be provided by CPA UK.</p>	Coffee
1115	<p>Briefing on Prime Minister’s Questions</p> <p>-Rt Hon. David Hanson, MP</p>	CPA Room
1145	<p>Viewing Prime Minister’s Questions in the House of Commons Chamber</p> <p>This session allowed delegates an opportunity to view weekly Prime Minister’s Questions in the House of Commons chamber, observing the practice, procedures, and customs of the chamber.</p>	House of Commons Chamber
1245	<p>Working Lunch</p> <p><i>In attendance:</i> Rt Hon. Lord Kilclooney</p>	CPA Room
1345	<p><i>End of Day 3 (to enable delegates to transfer to Scotland). The delegation will be accompanied by a member of CPA UK staff.</i></p>	

Day 4: Thursday 16 March		
0915	<p>Arrive at Scottish Parliament</p> <p><i>Met by Fergus Cochrane, Head of the International Relations Office.</i></p>	Scottish Parliament Main Entrance
0930	<p>Observe meeting of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee</p>	
1015	<p><i>Break</i></p>	
1030	<p>Meeting with Gordon Lindhurst MSP, Convener of the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee</p>	





	This session gave delegates the opportunity to explore the Committee's current inquiry into The Economic Impact of Leaving The EU.	
1130	<i>Break</i>	
1145	Observe General Question Time	Presiding Officer's Gallery, Debating Chamber
1200	Observe First Minister's Question Time	Presiding Officer's Gallery, Debating Chamber
1245	<i>Lunch</i>	TBC
1415	Meeting with Joan McAlpine MSP, Convener of the Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee; The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) This meeting allowed delegates to discuss CETA and what the implications for Scotland may be.	
1515	<i>Break</i>	
1530	Meeting with Ken Hughes, Assistant Chief Executive, The Scottish Parliament This session allowed delegates to discuss how the Scottish Parliament is responding to Brexit.	
1630	<i>End of day 4</i>	

Day 5: Friday 17 March		
0915	Tour of the Scottish Parliament	
1000	Meeting with representative from Scottish Government This meeting explored the Scottish Government's international strategy in Canada	
1100	<i>Break</i>	
1115	Meeting with Graham Blythe, European Commission Office in Scotland	
1215	<i>Lunch</i>	
1245	Meeting with Professor McEwen/ Henderson (TBC), University of Edinburgh	
1345	<i>End of day 5</i>	



Speaker Biographies



Frank Baylis, MP

(Liberal)

Frank Baylis, a member of the Liberal Party, was first elected to Parliament in 2015, representing the constituency of Pierrefonds – Dollard, Quebec. He is the Chair of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association and is a member of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology.



The Honourable Michael MacDonald, Senator

(Conservative)

The Hon. Michael MacDonald, a member of the Conservative Party, was appointed to the Senate in 2009. He is Deputy Chair of the Senate Transport and Communication Committee and is a member of the Senate Committee on Energy, the Environment and National Resources. He is also member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



The Honourable Joan Fraser, Senator

(Liberal)

The Hon. Joan Fraser, a member of the Liberal Party, was appointed to the Senate in 1998. She is the Chair of the Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament Committee and is also member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



Greg Fergus, MP

(Liberal)

Greg Fergus, a member of the Liberal Party, was first elected as a Member of Parliament for Hull-Alymer (QC) in 2015. He is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development and is a member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



Phil McColeman, MP

(Conservative)

Phil McColeman, a member of the Conservative Party, was first elected as a Member of Parliament in 2008 and is the representative for Brantford - Brant (ON). He is a member of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and also a member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



Tracey Ramsey, MP

(New Democratic Party)

Tracey Ramsey, a member of NDP, was first elected to Parliament in 2015 and represents the constituency of Essex (ON). She is the Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on International Trade and is also a member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



Dan Ruimy, MP

(Liberal)

Dan Ruimy, a member of the Liberal party, was first elected to Parliament as representative for Pitt-Meadows - Maple Ridge (BC) in 2015. He Chairs the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology and is a member of the Standing Committee on Human Resources, Skills and Social Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities and also a member of the Liaison Committee





HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



Hon. Leo Housakos, Senator

(Conservative)

The Hon. Leo Housakos, a member of the Conservative Party, was appointed to the Senate in 2009. He is a member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and Chairs the Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration. He is also member of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association and a member of Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



Pierre-Luc Dusseault, MP

(New Democratic Party)

Pierre-Luc Dusseault, a member of NDP, was first elected to Parliament in 2011, representing the constituency of Sherbrooke, Quebec. He is the vice chair of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations and member of the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on Finance and the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations. He is also member of the Canada-Europe

Parliamentary Association and a member of United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



Martin Shields, MP

(Conservative)

Martin Shields, a member of the Conservative Party, was first elected to Parliament in 2015, representing the constituency of Bow River, Alberta. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development and a member of the Liaison Committee. He is also a member of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association.



Scott Simms, MP

(Liberal)

Scott Simms, a member of the Liberal Party, was first elected to Parliament in 2004, representing the constituency of, Coast of Bays -Central- Notre-Dame, Newfoundland and Labrador. He chairs the Fisheries and Oceans Committee and is a member of Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association as well as President of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association.





Salma Zahid, MP

(Liberal)

Salma Zahid, a member of the Liberal Party, was first elected to Parliament in 2015, representing the constituency of Scarborough Centre, Ontario. She is a member of the Standing Joint Committee for the Scrutiny of Regulations and standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration. She is also a member of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association and a member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.



David Sweet, MP

(Conservative)

David Sweet, a member of the Conservative party, was first elected to Parliament in 2015, representing the constituency of Flamborough—Glanbrook (Ontario). He is the Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee on International Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. He is also a member of Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association and a member of the Canada-United Kingdom Inter-Parliamentary Association.