

conduct of federal elections in Canada and for ensuring that all provisions of the Canada Elections Act are complied with. Major activities include the training of returning officers, the revision of polling division boundaries, the acquisition of election material and supplies, the maintenance of a registry of political parties and the certification of statutory payments to be made to auditors, political parties and candidates under the election expenses provisions of the Act. Pursuant to the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act and following each decennial Census, the Chief Electoral Officer must calculate the number of electoral districts to be assigned to each province according to rules contained in Section 51 of the Constitution Act, and prepare population distribution maps for use by electoral boundaries commissions that are directly responsible for readjusting federal electoral district boundaries.

The Chief Electoral Officer reports directly to Parliament.

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The Commission and Department are responsible for the legislative review of, and amendments to, the legislation they administer; special applications of the legislation, such as adjudication principles, labour conflicts, work-sharing agreements and job creation projects; adjustments to Unemployment Insurance (UI) premium rates; budgets affecting the UI fund; appeals concerning UI premium reduction; and interprovincial and international agreements.

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Minister responsible:
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