Canada Revenue Agency News Release

Revenue Minister Skelton announces appointment to the Canada Revenue Agency Board of Management

Ottawa, Ontario, October 30, 2006... The Honourable Carol Skelton, Minister of National Revenue, today announced the appointment of Mr. Gordon Gillis to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) Board of Management. Mr. Gillis, a lawyer and a former Deputy Minister for the Government of Nova Scotia, was nominated by the Province of Nova Scotia.

"The Board is an integral part of the Agency's unique governance structure, and its important oversight role relies on the quality of individual Board members," said Minister Skelton. "In Mr. Gillis we are gaining significant experience and insights in law, labour relations and human resources, and public sector governance. Mr. Gillis's skills and experience will clearly be an asset to the Board and to the Agency overall."

While the Minister of National Revenue retains full accountability to Parliament and to Canadian citizens for all CRA activities, the Board of Management is responsible for overseeing the organization and administration of the Agency and the management of its resources, services, property, personnel, and contracts. The Board brings a forward-looking, strategic perspective to the CRA's operations and fosters sound management and service delivery.

The Act to establish the CRA specifies the establishment of a Board of Management. The Board comprises 15 members, 11 of whom are nominated by the provinces and territories and appointed by the Governor in Council. The Act requires that each director nominated by a province or a territory must be selected by the Governor in Council from a list of nominees submitted by the minister responsible for revenue administration in the province or the territory, or by another minister that the province or the territory designates.

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