

Liberal government mandate highlights with a poverty focus

Ministry	Mandate Letter Highlights	Target Population Group(s)	Financial Empowerment Focus	Key Topic Area(s)
Employment, Workforce Development and Labour Liberal government mandate poverty issues	Work with provinces and territories to make post-secondary education more affordable for students from low- and middle-income families, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expanding Canada Student Grant for low income students and - Improving RESP and Canada Learning Bond take-up, promotion and registration process and take-up 	Families with Children Students	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits Access to saving & asset building opportunities	Post-Secondary Education
	Improve Employment Insurance (EI) system including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carrying out broad review of EI system with goal of modernizing the income support system for unemployed workers - Improve timeliness of access to EI benefits through improvement of service delivery standards 	Unemployed individuals	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits	Unemployment
Families, Children and Social Development	Improving income security of lower income seniors living alone by increasing or making changes to existing income supports like the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) and Old Age Security (OAS) . Helping to ensure adequate and coordinated support programs to address seniors' poverty	Seniors	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits	Income Supports for Seniors
	Lead development of a Canadian Poverty Reduction Strategy , setting targets to reduce poverty and measure and report progress to the public.	Individuals on low-income	Financial information, education , and counselling Help accessing income boosting	Poverty Reduction Strategy

			<p>benefits & tax credits</p> <p>Safe and affordable products & services</p> <p>Access to saving & asset building opportunities</p> <p>Consumer education and protection</p>	
	<p>Providing communities with necessary funded required for Housing First initiatives to help homeless Canadians find stable housing</p>	<p>Individuals who are homeless</p>	<p>Financial information, education , and counselling</p> <p>Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits</p> <p>Safe and affordable products & services</p> <p>Access to saving & asset building opportunities</p> <p>Consumer education and protection</p>	<p>Homelessness</p>
	<p>Working with Minister of Finance, design and implement the Canada Child Benefit (CCB), building on existing Canada Child Tax Benefit and the National Child Benefit Supplement, in order to replace the Universal Child Care Benefit</p>	<p>Families with Children</p>	<p>Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits</p>	<p>Income Supports for Children</p>
<p>National Revenue</p>	<p>Ensure that CRA is a client-focused agency that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proactively contact Canadians who are entitled to, but are not receiving, tax benefits; - return completion assistance for some clients, particularly lower-income Canadians and those on fixed incomes with relatively little year-over-year change - deliver easy to read and straightforward correspondence and communications 	<p>Individuals on low-income</p>	<p>Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits</p>	<p>Income Tax Benefits and Preparation</p>

Finance	Support the implementation of the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) that will be led by the Minister of Children, Families and Social Development.	Families with Children	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits	Income Supports for Children
	Enhance the Canada Pension Plan to provide more income security to retired Canadians in partnership with the provinces and territories	Seniors	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits	Income Supports for Seniors
	Support the plan to make post-secondary education more affordable for students from low- and middle-income families that will be led by the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour.	Families with Children Students	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits Access to saving & asset building opportunities	Post-Secondary Education
	Support the improvement and modernization of the Employment Insurance system led by the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour	Unemployed individuals	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits	Unemployment supports
	Enhance the Northern Benefit Deduction to help northern Canadians with the high cost of living and support growth of northern economies	Northern Canadians	Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits	Northern Benefits
Sport and Persons with Disabilities	Lead an engagement process with provinces, territories, municipalities, and stakeholders that will lead to the passage of a Canadians with Disabilities Act.	Persons with Disabilities	Financial information, education , and counselling Help accessing income boosting benefits & tax credits Safe and affordable products & services Access to saving & asset building opportunities Consumer education and protection	Disability income supports