



2009 Legislative Session: 1st Session, 39th Parliament

Government Announcements

- *New Deputy Minister announced*- Allan P. Seckel, Q.C., has been appointed Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the British Columbia Public Service, replacing Jessica McDonald who has served in the role since 2005. Seckel previously held the position of Deputy Attorney General since 2003. [Read more](#)
- *Cross-border opportunities with Washington State* - Premier Gordon Campbell and Washington Governor Chris Gregoire signed a framework agreement that will see B.C. and Washington co-operate on several initiatives, including a high-speed rail service, direct harbour-to-harbour air service between Vancouver and Seattle, and expansion of reciprocal credential recognition of regulated trades or professions. [Read more](#)
- *Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act introduced* - Bill 13, the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009, was introduced. The bill makes minor technical or housekeeping amendments to a number of other statutes, including: Adult Guardianship and Planning Statutes Amendment Act, 2007, Assessment Act, College of Applied Biology Act, Health Professions Act, Interpretation Act, Judicial Compensation Act, Ministry of Environment Act, Medicare Protection Act, Municipalities Enabling and Validating Act, Notaries Act, Public Guardian and Trustee Act, Sheriff Act, Treaty First Nation Taxation Act, Manufactured Home Tax Act, Tourist Accommodation, University Act, Royal Roads University Act, Thompson Rivers University Act and College and Institute Act, Vancouver Charter and Wildlife Act. [Read more](#)
- *Funding for skilled immigrants* - The B.C. and federal governments are investing \$12 million for the continued delivery of the BC Skills Connect program, which has helped more than 5,500 immigrants find jobs with B.C. employers. Since 2006, Skills Connect assists skilled immigrants in connecting with employment in the construction, energy, health, tourism/hospitality, and transportation sectors. [Read more](#)
- *New name for Ombudsman* - The office of B.C.'s ombudsman will change its name to the office of the ombudsperson under new legislation. Kim Carter is the second woman to serve in the position. [Read more](#)

Question Period Topics

- Impact of harmonized sales tax on tourism industry
- Labelling of B.C. wines and wines with Olympic logo
- Actions of Olympic Games security unit
- Education funding
- Cowichan Tribes and VANOC Olympic clothing line
- Report on child labour regulations in B.C.

Status of Bills

BILLS INTRODUCED (first reading)

Government Bills

- [Bill 12 - Ombudsman Amendment Act, 2009](#)
- [Bill 13 - Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act, 2009](#)

Member's Bills

- [Bill M202 - Lobbyist Registry Reform Act, 2009](#)

Private Bills

- [Bill Pr402 - Trustee Board of the Church of God, Richmond Municipality, B.C. \(Corporate Restoration\) Act, 2009](#)
- [Bill Pr403 - Victoria Foundation Amendment Act, 2009](#)

BILLS DEBATED (second reading)

Government Bills

- [Bill 9 - Wood First Act](#)
- [Bill 10 – Protected Areas of British Columbia Amendment Act, 2009](#)

BILLS PASSED (third reading)

Government Bills

- [Bill 2 - Budget Measures Implementation Act \(No. 2\), 2009](#)
- [Bill 5 –Finance Statutes Amendment Act, 2009](#)
- [Bill 6 - Insurance Amendment Act, 2009](#)
- [Bill 8 - Strata Property Amendment Act, 2009](#)

Reports Tabled

- [Office of the Representative for Children and Youth, annual report, 2008-2009](#)
- [Statement of 2008-2009 borrowings](#)
- [Forest Appeals Commission, annual report, 2008](#)