

Jane Stewart

Minister of Human Resources Development

Jane Stewart was born on April 25, 1955, in Brantford, Ontario. She graduated from Trent University in 1978 with a bachelor of science degree and built a career as a human resources adviser with firms in Canada and the United States.

Mrs. Stewart was first elected to the House of Commons in 1993 and serves the riding of Brant, Ontario. She was a member of the House standing committee on finance and, from 1994 to 1996, chaired the national Liberal caucus.

Mrs. Stewart has been a Canadian delegate to a number of conferences. In July 1996, along with Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister, she represented Canada at a ministerial conference on terrorism held in Paris.

After joining the cabinet in 1996 as Minister of National Revenue, Mrs. Stewart became Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs the following year. Re-elected in 1997 and November 2000, she has been Minister of Human Resources Development since Aug. 3, 1999.

Mrs. Stewart has two children.