

**Ronald J. Duhamel**  
**Minister of Veterans Affairs and Secretary of State**  
**(Western Economic Diversification)**  
**(Francophonie)**

Ronald Duhamel was born in St. Boniface, Manitoba. He completed his doctoral studies at University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. His thesis dealt with the usefulness of bilingual immersion programs in schools.

Mr. Duhamel is a former teacher, principal, and professor. Before winning a seat in the House of Commons in 1988, Mr. Duhamel was deputy minister of education in Manitoba.

The Liberal member for the Manitoba riding of St. Boniface, Mr. Duhamel was appointed Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development) (Western Economic Diversification) in 1997. He left the former role and took on responsibility for la Francophonie in 1999.

Mr. Duhamel was named Minister of Veterans Affairs on Oct. 17, 2000.

Mr. Duhamel is married to Carolyn Graham. They have three children.