**Mandate of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women**

The Commissioners were appointed to “inquire into and report upon the status of women in Canada, and to recommend what steps might be taken by the Federal Government to ensure for women equal opportunities with men in all aspects of Canadian society, having regard for the distribution of legislative powers under the constitution of Canada, particularly with reference to federal statutes, regulations and policies that concern or affect the rights and activities of women and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, to inquire into and report on:

1. Laws and practices under federal jurisdiction concerning the political rights of women;
2. The present and potential role of women in the Canadian labour force, including the special problems of married women in employment and measures that might be taken under federal jurisdiction to help in meeting them;
3. Measures that might be taken under federal jurisdiction to permit the better use of the skills and education of women, including the special re-training requirements of married women who wish to re-enter professional or skilled employment;
4. Federal labour laws and regulations in their application to women;
5. Laws, practices and policies concerning the employment and promotion of women in the Federal Civil Service, by Federal Crown Corporations and by Federal Agencies;
6. Federal taxation pertaining to women;
7. Marriage and divorce;
8. The position of women under the Criminal Law;
9. Immigration and citizenship laws, policies and practices with respect to women; and

Such other matters in relation to the status of women in Canada as may appear to the Commissioners to be relevant”.

Source: Canada. Privy Council. Minute of a meeting of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 16th February, 1967. P.C. 1967-312. Reprinted in the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. [the Committee of the Privy Council is the Cabinet].