

Premier Stelmach Takes Over Intergovernmental Relations Ministry

Premier Ed Stelmach will take over the [Ministry of International and Intergovernmental Relations](#) following the resignation of minister Ron Stevens, who was also Deputy Premier.^[1] The Premier stated he will not appoint a new Deputy Premier until after the end of the spring legislative session, sometime in mid-June.^[2]

Ron Stevens, former MLA for Calgary-Glenmore, was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta on May 20, 2009 by Attorney General of Canada Rob Nicholson.^[3] The federal government appoints judges of provincial superior courts under [section 96](#) of the *Constitution Act, 1867*.^[4]

A by-election for Calgary-Glenmore has not yet been set, but Premier Stelmach said that the seat will be filled in time for the opening of the fall legislative session in October, indicating a late summer by-election.^[5]

^[1] Don Braid, "Stelmach to take over Stevens' duties as minister" *Calgary Herald* (20 May 2009).

^[2] "Byelection before summer's end" *Edmonton Journal* (21 May 2009).

^[3] Office of the Minister of Justice, "Alberta Judicial Appointments Announced" *Department of Justice* (20 May 2009).

^[4] [Constitution Act, 1867](#), s. 96.

^[5] *Supra* note 2.