Relationship between Elections Canada and the Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections

While both agencies fall within the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Canada and The Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections have distinct mandates and operate independently of each other.

The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Elections Canada



- Conducts federal elections and referendums
- Administers the Canada Elections Act
- Administers the political financing regime of the Canada Elections Act

The Office of the Commissioner of Canada Elections



- ➤ Ensures compliance with, and enforcement of, the Canada Elections Act
- Carries out independent reviews and investigations into potential contraventions of the Canada Elections Act