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STEFANIE BECK

Deputy Minister of National Defence

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On May 24, 2024, Stefanie Beck was appointed Deputy Minister (DM) of National Defence, effective June 3, 2024.

Prior to joining the Department of National Defence (DND), Stefanie Beck held the position of Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC). Previous to that, she held the position of Associate Deputy Minister for DND for 13 months. Between October 2020 and January 2022, DM Beck served as Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Alternate Representative to the International Maritime Organization. Prior to that, she was the Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Priorities and Planning at the Privy Council Office, where she led work on Whole of Government priority setting and policy development, including through transitions to new mandates, and most recently, through the COVID crisis. Previously, DM Beck held leadership roles at Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada and Global Affairs Canada, as well as several senior positions responsible for common services at Canada's diplomatic missions abroad, including cross-government governance.

DM Beck joined the Government of Canada in 1990 with the Department of External Affairs, working abroad as a political officer and an ambassador in various missions. She served in Dakar, Senegal, Canberra, Australia, and in Cambodia and Croatia. DM Beck grew up on several continents, attended high school in Singapore and St. Catharines, Ontario, and has a Bachelor of Arts in German and Italian from McGill University.

