**Appendix I – Data sources**

This Appendix lists the sources consulted in the construction of dataset for executive, quasi-executive, and cabinet committee positions within each province. Please note that if necessary, historical versions of the websites listed were consulted using the Internet Archive ([www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)) to ensure that the reflected the final period captured in the study (May 2017).

**British Columbia**

Data on executive and quasi-executive positions were provided by the Legislative Library of British Columbia. This included links to government press releases and to online cabinet lists:

* <http://www.llbc.leg.bc.ca/public/pubdocs/bcdocs/47984/execouncil.pdf>
* <http://www.llbc.leg.bc.ca/public/reference/vanderzalmcabinet.pdf>
* <http://www.llbc.leg.bc.ca/public/reference/johnstoncabinet.pdf>

Cabinet committee information was obtained from the Office of the Government of British Columbia website (<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/organizational-structure/cabinet/cabinet-committees>).

**Alberta**

Data on executive and quasi-executive positions were obtained through a webscrape of the records of current and former Members contained on the Legislative Assembly of Alberta website (<https://www.assembly.ab.ca/net/index.aspx?p=memberprofile_home>), which covers all Members who have served since 1905. Cabinet committee information was obtained from the Government of Alberta website (<https://www.alberta.ca/government-committees.aspx>).

**Saskatchewan**

Data on ministerial positions were primarily obtained from a list prepared by the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan, which covered the period from 1905 until 2016 (<http://saskarchives.com/sites/default/files/pdf/2016_offices_held_by_members_exec_council.pdf>). Changes between 2016 and May 2017 were found on the Government of Saskatchewan website (<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/cabinet>). Information on legislative secretary appointments and cabinet committee composition were obtained from Saskatchewan’s Cabinet Secretariat Office. Details of other quasi-executive roles were found in the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan.

**Manitoba**

Data on ministerial and legislative secretary positions were primarily sourced from lists obtained from the Manitoba Legislative Library, which covered the period from 1967 until 2016. Changes between 2016 and May 2017 were found on the Government of Manitoba website (<https://www.gov.mb.ca/minister/index.html>). Details of other quasi-executive were found in the Journals of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. Details of other quasi-executive roles were found in the Hansard of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. Cabinet committee information was obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Executive Council of Manitoba.

**Ontario**

Data on executive and quasi-executive positions were gathered through a webscrape of the records of current and former Members contained on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario website (<http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/members/members_all.do?locale=en>), which covers all Members who have served since confederation. Cabinet committee information was obtained from the Government of Ontario website (<https://news.ontario.ca/committees/en>).

**Quebec**

Data on executive and quasi-executive positions were obtained through a webscrape of the records of current and former Members contained on the National Assembly of Quebec website (<http://www.assnat.qc.ca/fr/membres/notices/index.html>), which covers all Members who have served since confederation. Cabinet committee information was obtained from the Government of Quebec website (<http://www.mce.gouv.qc.ca/comites_ministeriels/comites_en.htm>).

**New Brunswick**

Data on executive and quasi-executive positions was obtained directly from the New Brunswick Legislative Library in the form of PDF documents.

**Nova Scotia**

Data on executive and quasi-executive positions was obtained from the Office of the Premier and the Executive Council Office website (<https://novascotia.ca/exec_council/aboutEC.html>) and government news releases (<https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20170629006>), Historical cabinet membership was found in digitized lists of Nova Scotia ministries (http://0-nsleg-edeposit.gov.ns.ca.legcat.gov.ns.ca/deposit/b10550355.htm ) and annual editions of the *Canadian Parliamentary Guide*.

**Prince Edward Island**

Data on executive and quasi-executive positions was obtained directly from the Librarian of the Prince Edward Island Legislative Assembly. The primary data was collected, compiled and shared by the librarian in an excel spreadsheet.

**Newfoundland and Labrador**

Data on executive and most quasi-executive positions were primarily obtained from lists received from the Legislative Library of the Newfoundland and Labrador House of Assembly, which covered the period from 1949 until March 2017. Changes between March and May 2017 were found on the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador website (<https://www.gov.nl.ca/cabinet-ministers/>). The Legislative Library also provided information on cabinet committee composition. Data on legislative secretary and assistant positions were found by reviewing Hansard debates as well as archived versions of the websites of the Newfoundland and Labrador Government ([www.gov.nl.ca](http://www.gov.nl.ca)) and House of Assembly (<http://www.assembly.nl.ca/>).