

I am informed that your committee is looking for input from veterans with respect to their difficulty finding subsequent employment by the Federal Government. I am a 35 year veteran of the Canadian Forces who served as lawyer in the Office of the Judge Advocate General. As such I am entitled to and receiving an annuity from the Government of Canada.

I can inform you that one of the chief impediments to further service with the GOC, is the rule against "double dipping" by those receiving an annuity. If this committee is seriously trying to enhance the employment of veterans by the GOC, this particular impediment can easily be attended to, by amending the legislation to exempt CF veterans from it's application, in the same way that it was amended to allow GIC appointments to be exempted from it's application.

Secondly, on a completely different avenue but related to enhancing the hiring of veterans, you might consider giving veterans a similar priority status in hiring as is given to women, natives, handicapped and those of ethnic backgrounds that the GOC feels is necessary to reflect the makeup of Canada in the hiring process. This could also be inserted into the job descriptions for CIC appointments such as the Senate (which should always have a veteran or two in it) or Boards or Commissions where these other considerations seem to take priority in hiring.

I realize that a few members of the CF or Veterans would be included within the terms , female, indigenous, native, handicapped or individuals of other ethnic origins, that are given some priority in hiring, but that the terms exclude the majority of Veterans.

I trust that you will find my comments of assistance however I have no desire to appear before your committee.

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