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**Ian McCowan** is the Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Governance) at the Privy Council Office. He provides advice to the Prime Minister and Clerk of the Privy Council on a broad range of machinery of government and parliamentary issues. Ian also serves as the Deputy Minister to both the Government House Leader and the President of the Queen's Privy Council. He is also responsible for supporting the work of the cabinet committee on Operations.

Prior to his current role, Ian served as the Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Communications) and as the policy Assistant Deputy Minister for the Correctional Service of Canada. Ian began his career as a civil litigator at the Department of Justice. He has also held management positions with Justice - heading up the legal function for both a federal department and an agency.

Ian has both a Bachelor of Laws ('91) and Commerce ('88) from Queen's along with an LLM from Cambridge ('94). Ian's father (Jim) is a retired Queen's professor - 37 years on faculty. Ian lives in Ottawa with his wife Bev. They have two children - Megan and Andrew (a first year Arts & Science student at Queen's).