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**The Daily: Platforms, Positions and Statements
of the Major Federal Parties on Subjects of Interest to EAITC**

**Le Quotidien : Plates-formes, positions et déclarations des partis
fédéraux principaux sur les sujets d'intérêt à l'AECEC**

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*no significant items/
aucun élément d'importance*

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Other issues/Autres questions :

Deficit/Déficit

The Conservatives released their five year deficit reduction plan Monday amounting to \$5.85 billion in program spending cuts, a \$500 million saving in anticipated interest rate payments, \$600 million saved from reducing the size of government, and \$50 million from reducing the budgets of ministerial offices. As well \$1.1 billion in savings would be sought through discussions with the provinces on government duplication and delivery of services. Highlights of the plan include:

- reductions in subsidies to business by \$750 million over five years;
- a freeze on defence spending plus a cut of \$100 million each year;
- a \$100 million saving on administrative cuts to international development assistance, but with no cuts to humanitarian aid or emergency food assistance;
- scaling back government operations by a further 5%, for a saving of \$1 billion over five years;
- reducing government travel and advertising budgets, as well as ending subsidized meals and haircuts for all parliamentarians.

Poll/Sondage:

Selon un récent sondage, le BQ a un appui de 45% au Québec, contre 27% pour les conservateurs et 24% pour le parti libéral. Au Canada, les libéraux ont 36%, les conservateurs 31%, le Reform Party 13%, le BQ 11% et le NPD a 7%.

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