

Established Programs Financing Act, the federal government transferred additional tax points with respect to both personal and corporate income tax to the provinces, to support post-secondary education in their jurisdictions. Also according to the 1977 act, the federal government provides *per capita* cash grants to the provinces.

By 1982-83, tax and cash transfers to the provinces in support of post-secondary education amounted to \$3.9 billion. Increases in the annual escalator to this sum were capped at 6 per cent in 1983-84 and 5 per cent in 1984-85.

(II) Research

University research in Canada is largely dependent on public funds for its support and maintenance. The government of Canada has established three granting councils for the support of research that together cover all academic disciplines: the Medical Research Council, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. The cumulative budget of the three granting councils for the operating year 1984-85 is approximately \$495 million.

Provincial government support of university research has become a more significant factor in recent years. In addition, universities receive support from foundations, corporations and other private donors, and undertake many research projects under contract.

(III) Student assistance

The Canada Student Loans Act, passed in 1964, is the basis upon which the federal government makes financial help available to students who require assistance to carry on full-time studies at the post-secondary level of education. Under the Canada Student Loans Program, which is administered jointly with the provincial aid scheme in nine provinces, the federal government guarantees loans made by chartered banks and other designated lenders to students on the basis of certificates of eligibility (loan authorization documents) issued by the provinces participating in the Program.

Assistance under the Canada Student Loans Program is limited to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants. In operation year 1982-83, over 184 000 students received assistance under the program and the value of loans issued in that year was \$308 million.