

Canadian Financial Contributions to Commonwealth Institutions and Programs

Canada's financial contribution to Commonwealth Institutions and programs has been substantial over the years, second only to that of Britain and, to all the voluntary programs, in excess of our assessed share of the Secretariat budget. Several departments and agencies are concerned in the payment of Canada's contribution, which in 1982/83 exceeded \$22 million.

The following list, though not exhaustive, includes contributions to the major official Commonwealth Institutions and programs as well as to some of the smaller, but significant, ones. A distinction has been made between payments on the basis of assessed shares and those which are voluntarily pledged by members.

Commonwealth Secretariat

All members of the association are assessed on the basis of the UN assessment schedule. For 1982/83, Canada's assessed share amounted to 17 percent of the total budget or \$1,600,000 (External Affairs funds).

Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation

The CFTC, created in 1971, is the principal multilateral mechanism for development assistance within the Commonwealth. It is financed by voluntary contributions from all Commonwealth countries, both developed and developing. Over the last few years, Canada's contribution has amounted to about 35% of the total budget. Canada's 1982/83 contribution was \$12,100,000 (Canadian International Development Agency funds).

Commonwealth Foundation

Established in 1965 to foster the development of professional organizations and societies in Commonwealth countries, the Commonwealth Foundation is financed by voluntary contributions from all member countries. Canada contributed approximately \$607,000 in 1982/83 (External Affairs funds).