

academic education remains the jurisdiction of the provincial governments. However, HRDC will continue to work with the provinces and stakeholders to ensure that Canadians have access to a post-secondary education that will serve them well in the future.

NATIONAL FINANCE

JOB CREATION—GOVERNMENT POLICY

(Response to question raised by Hon. Gerry St. Germain on June 27, 1995)

The department of Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) has several programs aimed at job creation. Section 25 — Job Creation of the Unemployment Insurance Program assists unemployed workers to get back into the workforce by maintaining and enhancing their skills while receiving UI benefits when other employment is not available. In 1994-95, approximately 26,000 jobs were created under Section 25 of the UI Program.

HRDC also offers the Self-Employment Assistance (SEA) component which helps unemployed people to start their own business by providing income and technical support through early stages of business creation. Since November 1993, SEA has helped more than 42,861 Canadians to start their own business.

Job Development provides training and/or work experience to participants by contributing to training related costs, wage subsidies, and other specified costs to employers who carry out projects. In 1994-95, approximately 10,250 jobs were created under the Job Development program.

Job Opportunities provides employers with a wage subsidy to hire selected clients. The objective of this component is to provide clients with job opportunities that will likely lead to long-term employment. In 1994-95, approximately 13,945 jobs were created under this program.

HRDC is now developing the Human Resources Investment Fund (HRIF). HRIF's objective is to help people find and keep jobs. Re-employment measures that work are at the forefront of HRIF strategies. These measures are not yet fully developed. However, based on preliminary discussions and consultations, it is expected that they will:

- develop the employability of individuals so they will be equipped to participate in the economy; and

- support small and medium business in creating jobs, by removing barriers and disincentives to work.

As set out in the red book, the commitment to youth is being met through several of HRDC's youth initiatives. Student Summer Job Action (SSJA), which will result in the creation of 44,500 summer jobs for students, is part of

federal government's comprehensive action plan to assist youth. There has been a shift in funding from short term make-work programs to programs which focus on school to work transition with longer term benefits.

The Youth Internship Program (YIP) and Youth Service Canada (YSC) are long-term interventions that help to bridge the gap between school to work. Since 1994, under YIP, over 5,600 jobs have been created and, under YSC, over 1,850 jobs have been created.

The new Youth Entrepreneurship Program is designed to help young Canadians, under age 30, to become self-sufficient by starting their own businesses. Several pilot projects have been implemented with more to follow. The pilots are testing new approaches such as innovative ways of accessing credit, the establishment of workers' cooperatives and sector targeting. To date, Youth Entrepreneurship has created 541 jobs.

HRDC also offers the Strategic Initiatives Program. This program, through pilots which test new and alternative approaches in employment and training, learning, and income support services, tests ideas to help Canadians develop skills, get work, and participate more fully in society.

Hon. Eymard G. Corbin: Honourable senators, I apologize to the Deputy Leader of the Government in the Senate, but did he have an answer to a previous question of mine? I may have missed that.

Senator Graham: I do not believe I have an answer yet for Senator Corbin or for Senator Prud'homme. In the case of Senator Prud'homme, the answer to his question involves more than one department. Every effort is being made to obtain a timely response for my honourable friend. That goes for questions which may be outstanding for all honourable senators. If a response is not received before the house rises, then obviously, time is running out. The leader's office will provide the response to the honourable senator in question as soon as it becomes available, and it will be tabled properly as soon as we return.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

JOINT PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO BRAZIL

OFFICIAL VISIT—INQUIRY—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. H.A. Olson rose pursuant to notice of Tuesday, May 23, 1995:

That he will call the attention of the Senate to the official visit to Brazil of the Joint Parliamentary Delegation of the Senate and the House of Commons from April 15 to 21, 1995.