

## Routine Proceedings

**Hon. John Manley (Minister of Industry, Lib.):** The question concerns the relationship over the last twenty years of the size of selected federal government expenditure programs to the size of the overall Canadian economy, as measured by Statistics Canada's gross domestic product (GDP) estimate. The following table presents Statistics Canada estimates of

GDP, values for the requested federal government expenditure programs and those values expressed in a ratio to GDP for the period 1975 to 1994. The table also includes notes briefly explaining the sources and certain aspects of the estimates which might influence their interpretation.

(millions of dollars)	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
Gross Domestic Product	171,540	197,924	217,879	241,604	276,096	309,891	355,994	374,442	405,717	444,735
Federal Government Expenditures:										
1. Unemployment Insurance Benefits	3,155	3,332	3,904	4,507	4,030	4,332	4,757	8,454	10,062	9,859
% of GDP	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	2.3	2.5	2.2
2. Old Age Pension Benefits	3,753	4,305	4,692	5,238	6,085	7,020	8,213	9,304	10,137	10,999
% of GDP	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5
3. Canada Pension Plan Benefits	527	775	997	1,246	1,535	1,903	2,321	2,873	3,485	4,045
% of GDP	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
4. Civil Service Pension Benefits	390	508	604	741	924	1,096	1,243	1,447	1,602	1,769
% of GDP	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
5. Family Allowance/Child Tax Benefit	1,961	1,942	2,084	2,224	1,696	1,812	1,958	2,204	2,303	2,393
% of GDP	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
6. "Health Care"	2,781	3,305	3,129	3,849	4,202	4,391	4,741	4,620	6,197	7,060
% of GDP	1.6	1.7	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.6
7. "Protection of Persons & Property"	3,397	4,136	4,720	5,265	5,642	6,372	7,495	8,645	9,866	10,854
% of GDP	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4
8. Interest on the Public Debt	3,705	4,519	5,101	6,410	8,080	9,897	13,739	16,675	17,412	20,897
% of GDP	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.9	4.5	4.3	4.7
(millions of dollars)	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Gross Domestic Product	477,988	505,666	551,597	605,906	650,748	669,467	674,766	688,391	711,658	748,606
Federal Government Expenditures:										
1. Unemployment Insurance Benefits	10,118	10,394	10,369	10,781	11,445	13,119	17,323	18,648	17,592	15,012
% of GDP	2.1	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.0
2. Old Age Pension Benefits	12,150	13,148	14,006	14,801	15,718	16,705	17,955	18,776	19,479	20,176
% of GDP	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7

1. All series on benefits are taken from the income and expenditure accounts. Figures do not include administrative costs or any in-kind transfers.

2. "Health Care" and "Protection of Persons & Property" are functional expenditure categories from the financial management system. Figures include all expenditures in the form of transfers to persons, governments, businesses as well as direct expenditures on goods and services.

3. "Interest on the public debt" is from the income and expenditure accounts.

GST — Goods and Services Tax