

Executive Summary

The Committee believes competition and an informed consumer are the best protection against marketplace abuse.

The government should fund an independent, arm's-length agency to educate consumers on the effects on prices of the GST and removal of existing federal sales taxes. This agency should be composed of people from business and consumer groups. It should be small, temporary and cost-efficient.

The Committee does not believe that it is possible to monitor all individual prices. The private sector also has a role to play, and should be a partner in telling Canadians how prices will be affected. The agency should play a role in helping to accomplish this.