

Mr. Crosbie replied to Mr. Wells' claim that the Meech Lake Accord will keep Newfoundland a have-not province. "National shared-cost programs have been used in the past and should be used in the future to exercise national leadership in providing key social services for all Canadians wherever they may live," Mr. Crosbie said. The Meech Lake Accord confirms that national leadership role can continue and it does so without limiting our ability to redress regional disparities.

"Mr. Wells is wrong about the Meech Lake Accord. He is putting his biases, his own biases from the Trudeau years ahead of what he should recognize as the interests of his country and his province," Mr. Crosbie said. "It's time for Mr. Wells to join with the nation-builders, not play into the hands of the nation-wreckers."

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