

Statement on Main Estimates

made from estimates items are now replaced by abatement in tax collection by the federal government.

On the other hand, the new year estimates under the heading of payments to the provinces for old age assistance register a decrease of \$25 million from 1965-66. That amount will be paid from the old age security fund in accordance with the plan to lower progressively the eligible age for old age pensions.

Increases in statutory expenditures between years, at \$119 million, are smaller than its usual. The principal increases are \$127 million in payments to provinces under the British North America Act, the Fiscal Arrangements Act and the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act; \$84 million in interest and other charges related to the public debt; \$25 million in credits to the superannuation accounts for civil servants and the armed forces. These increases, which are statutory and do not require to be voted, are offset principally by the reductions, totalling \$143 million, in the programs covered by the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act.

I would like to draw the attention of the house to a number of changes in the organization of the estimates for 1966-67. In general these changes reflect the transfers of functions under the Public Service Rearrangement and Transfer of Duties Act announced by the Prime Minister on December 17 and effective on January 1, 1966.

With the permission of the house, Mr. Speaker, I now propose to table for inclusion in *Hansard* three tables relating to the 1966-67 estimates. The first table compares the 1966-67 estimates with the total budgetary estimates for several preceding years. The second table compares the estimates of statutory expenditures for 1966-67 with those for 1965-66. The third table indicates the changes in the main estimates between 1966-67 and 1965-66 under the headings of operating, capital and other costs.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed that these tables be included in *Hansard*?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: The tables referred to above are as follows:*]

TABLE I

TOTAL BUDGETARY ESTIMATES
(in millions of dollars)

	Main Estimates	Supplementary Estimates	Final Supplementary Estimates	Total
1966-67.....	7,950.5			
1965-66.....	7,399.7	426.2		7,825.9
1964-65.....	6,702.9	221.8	245.6	7,170.3
1963-64.....	6,307.2	311.9	240.9	6,860.0
1962-63.....	6,048.2 ¹	181.0	281.9 ²	6,466.0 ³
1961-62.....	6,123.8	355.9	122.8	6,602.5
1960-61.....	5,732.2	169.9	178.2	6,080.3
1959-60.....	5,595.9	86.1	116.8	5,798.8
1958-59.....	5,178.8	144.8	282.8	5,606.4
1957-58.....	4,827.6	145.3	187.6	5,088.8 ⁴

¹Revised estimates; original main estimates were greater by \$228.0 million.

²This is the amount appropriated by governor general's warrants and included in the report on supply for 1962-63 which would have been tabled as final supplementary estimates for 1962-63 had parliament been sitting.

³This total is the amount appropriated for 1962-63 and is \$45.0 million less than the sum of the tabled estimates and the final supplementary estimates for 1962-63.

⁴This total is the amount appropriated for 1957-58. It is \$71.7 million less than the amount of the tabled estimates due to year-end financing by governor general's warrants.