

RECOMMENDATION

16. That panel members be appointed for three-year terms renewable once. The terms should be structured so that one-third of the appointments to each panel lapse in each year. Members should be remunerated at a rate of \$250 per diem.

RESPONSE

The Government of Canada agrees with this recommendation and it will be reflected in the memorandum of agreement.

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17. That the next memorandum of agreement should prohibit the use of money from the litigation fund for the internal legal research costs of the Court Challenges program.

RESPONSE

The Government of Canada agrees with the recommendation and it will be reflected in the memorandum of agreement.

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18. That the Secretary of State for Canada seek proposals to administer the Court Challenges Program. These proposals should be evaluated by a committee composed of outside experts, representatives of the panels of the Court Challenges Program, and the government. When a selection has been agreed upon, the Secretary of State and representatives of the selected organization should appear before this Committee no later than 31 March 1990.

RESPONSE

Since there are very few organizations which are qualified to administer the Court Challenges Program, it would be difficult to implement the Standing Committee's recommendation to seek proposals.

The Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship, who is accountable for the administration of the Program before the House, will make the final selection and advise the Standing Committee accordingly.