

does not seem to see the linkage, that a national child care program would go a long way in addressing that.

The government is not giving it because the members of its caucus are in favour of keeping women in the kitchen and keeping a more traditional family. Those years have passed. Women are not in the home in the kitchen anymore. They are out supporting their families. The economy demands that they do that.

The people who are suffering are the children who do not have adequate child care. They are forced to be latchkey kids where they come home on their own after school or they have sort of take-a-chance kind of baby-sitting services where there are no standards. We need a publicly funded national child care program. If we really believe in supporting the family then we have to be able to give the resources to the people of Canada so the children have support.

Then there is the expenditure, and this is another whacko idea, of \$1 billion on low-level defence systems. Who are we being defended from? We are talking billions of dollars.

I will go back to the millions, what the government did not fund. It cut \$200 million from the Canadian Jobs Strategy, something that I know every single riding in Canada benefits from. Over the last two years of job training, a number of people have been employed, have been retrained and have been sent out into the work force.

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What does this government do? It cuts \$200 million from it.

Another example. The Conservatives cut three federal agencies which provided expert advice to the government; the Law Reform Commission, the Economic Council of Canada and the Science Council of Canada, costing \$19 million. That was 185 lost jobs. The government also eliminated support for the Canadian Institute for International Peace and Security.

This is a time when the whole definition of what constitutes security is being redefined and the government eliminates funding for it. But it managed to find money, \$46.7 million including a \$13.7 million cost overrun on the Canadian pavilion at the World Exposition in Seville, Spain. Just so that viewers will know, that pavilion will be dismantled after Expo.

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Is that an investment? It is no wonder that the Canadian taxpayers feel overburdened when they can see the kind of absolutely whacko ideas this government chooses to spend our money on.

The government has also capped the Canada Assistance Plan funding to Ontario, B.C. and Alberta. For B.C. alone, that means a loss of \$166 million in 1991-92. But \$50 million was found to support Canada 125 Corporation, a private non-profit corporation to promote Canada's birthday. Well, I can buy my own candles. I can bring my own hooter and wish Canada a happy birthday, and it is not going to cost \$50 million.

The government has terminated the co-op housing program, a cut of \$25 million. As the representative of one of the fastest growing ridings in Canada and also one of the most expensive ridings in Canada in which to live, this is a scandal that the co-op housing program has been eliminated. It is not only the wealthy who live in Saanich—Gulf Islands. It is those young families that are scraping along trying to find a way to buy a home. Co-op housing is often used as a start. But this government has chosen to terminate the co-op housing program, a \$25 million cut. There was about \$19 million found by the department of the Minister for International Trade for the propaganda and promotion of the Conservative "prosperity agenda". I put that in quotes because prosperity for whom, I ask?

Then there was the \$14 million to sell the GST that nobody wanted. Believe me, that sales job was a big failure. There is still a lot of anger about the GST. On the other hand, the government has cut the Court Challenges Program in the 1992 budget, \$2.7 million a year, that was allowing equality seeking groups and individuals access to courts to enforce their rights.

One wonders where the grand plan is when you see these comparisons. What is the priority of this government? It is more than just a coincidence that it is the social programs that are getting the short end of the stick while the flimflam and public relations it always seems to find the dollars for.

There was \$800,000 to \$1 million spent on new cars for cabinet ministers and senior mandarins over the last year, replacing vehicles still in top condition but not quite so bright and shiny. But there was also \$3.4 million in cuts for funding for the aboriginal communications program.