

Routine Proceedings

In addition, as part of this ongoing process, a number of these groups, including the BCNI, were provided with copies of the government's Unity Proposals after their release on September 24, 1991.

Question No. 144—Ms. Callbeck:

Since November 1988, has there been any government expenditures to assist individuals, business and industries negatively affected by the Canada—U.S. Free Trade Agreement to adjust to the agreement and, if so, (a) how much money was spent (b) under which programs was the money spent?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): I am informed by Industry, Science and Technology Canada and Employment and Immigration Canada as follows:

The advice which the government received from the Advisory Council on Adjustment was that no free trade agreement-specific adjustment programs were necessary. The council, made up of labour and business representatives, was established to examine adjustment issues arising from the Canada—U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA). It noted that close to 400 programs were already in place and concluded that FTS-specific programs would be "unworkable" since it would be impossible to determine which workers and businesses were affected by the FTA and "unfair" as it would create two classes of workers or firms.

In light of this evidence, the government has continued to use existing programs to facilitate adjustment and foster international competitiveness rather than to create FTA-specific adjustment programs.

Employment and Immigration has long had programs in place to assist individuals, businesses and industries negatively affected by structural adjustments in the Canadian economy.

a) Since 1988, Employment and Immigration has spent approximately \$5.2 billion providing training and adjustment assistance to Canadians and their employers.

b) Since November 1988, Employment and Immigration Canada has delivered this training and adjustment assistance through the following programs: Job Development, Job Entry, Skill Shortages, Skill Investment, Community Futures and Industrial Adjustment Service. These costs also include the Developmental Uses of the Unemployment Insurance Program which include Work Sharing (Job Creation), Training (Income Support), Training (Course Costs/Supplementary Allowances) and Self-Employment.

Question No. 178—Mr. Blenkarn:

Does the government pay provincial sales taxes and, if so, how many dollars in sales taxes were paid to each province in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1991?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Prior to 1991, the federal government had reached agreements with all the provinces, except for Saskatchewan and Alberta, whereby each government agreed to pay the other's sales taxes, or an equivalent amount in lieu of taxes. Alberta had no sales tax, and the government did not pay the provincial sales tax in Saskatchewan. With the coming into force of the GST, new agreements were reached with all the provinces, except for Alberta which still does not have a sales tax, whereby neither order of government would pay the other's sales tax. Please refer to the attached annex for the specific amounts of provincial sales tax paid to each province pursuant to the former agreement from April 1, 1990 to December 31, 1990.

ANNEX

Provincial sales taxes paid by the government in the fiscal year 1990-91

Province	Central sales tax payment ¹	Departments sales tax payments ²	Total sales tax payments
	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland	10,044,000	1,355,945	11,399,942
P.E.I.	3,861,000	323,716	4,184,716
Nova Scotia	21,714,000	3,385,653	25,099,653
New Brunswick	23,724,000	2,187,932	25,911,932
Québec	46,632,000	5,232,116	51,864,116
Ontario	104,847,000	17,026,356	121,873,356
Manitoba	12,303,000	3,158,906	15,461,906
British Columbia	15,390,000	4,202,728	19,592,728
Total	238,515,000	36,873,349	275,388,349

1. Payments made by the Department of Supplies and Services on behalf of the other Departments.
2. Actual amounts paid by each Department are not yet available, estimates were made based on amounts paid in previous fiscal years.