

Therefore, could we have some indication of what he means by "timely?" When can the farmers expect to know whether or not they are going to have this kind of program?

Senator Murray: Honourable senators, my friend cannot expect me to go beyond the statements that have already been made by Mr. Mayer and Mr. Wise on this matter. The Prime Minister has met with the farm leaders and the ministers have met with the farm leaders and with their provincial counterparts. When we are ready to announce a program in this respect, it will be announced. Meanwhile, I certainly intend to verify the remarks that have been attributed to Mr. Wise by the newspapers and by our colleague, Senator Fairbairn.

ANSWERS TO ORDER PAPER QUESTIONS CANADA DAY

PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL COMMITTEES—NOMINATION OF PRESIDENTS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS

Question No. 20 on the Order Paper—By **Hon. Jack Marshall**

26th May, 1987—With reference to News Release S-04/87-130 from the Office of the Secretary of State naming Canadians to serve as Presidents and Vice-presidents of the 1987 Canada Day Provincial/Territorial Committees, what are the names of those Canadians or organizations who are asked to submit nominees?

Reply by the Secretary of State of Canada:

Given that the Canada Day program operates on a decentralized model, emphasis is placed on the decision-making process being exercised at a regional level. The intent is to strengthen the role of the regions in the three key stages of development—planning, celebration and evaluation.

From region to region, the concerns and needs vary with regard to the planning and actual delivery of Canada Day events. Therefore, the position of president must reflect this reality and be able to draw on the strengths of the many communities within the province or territory. In this regard, the regional directors of the Department of the Secretary of State, who have daily contact with these client groups, are actively consulted and their views sought as to those individuals who could provide such leadership. In many instances, the presidents were reappointed, having served in the position in previous years.

In appointing vice-presidents, both the regional directors and the presidents were consulted. Once again, a key consideration is the strengths that he or she can bring to the committee with regard to encouraging as broad a base as possible for involvement from all groups and regions of the province or territory.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING AND MONITORING OF DISTRIBUTION

Question No. 21 on the Order Paper—By **Hon. Jack Marshall**

26th May, 1987—1. What is the breakdown of funding for post-secondary education of \$93.7 million by federal district in the Province of Newfoundland?

2. If the allocation of funding is directed to provincial governments, under what arrangement is monitoring of distribution of funds made to insure equality?

Reply by the Secretary of State of Canada:

1. Federal support is provided on the basis of clear respect for provincial jurisdiction in the area of post-secondary education. The Government of Canada recognizes the constitutional right of provincial governments to determine how educational institutions within their boundaries are operated and financed. Accordingly, Established Programs Financing transfers to each province in respect of post-secondary education are provided as part of a block contribution which is allocated by the provincial governments according to their own priorities. The following table provides a breakdown of the funding for post-secondary education provided to the Province of Newfoundland in the form of cash payments and tax transfers during the last four fiscal years:

	(millions dollars)	1983-84	of 1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Cash	56.1	59.7		60.6	60.2
Tax	37.6	40.6		42.9	47.1
TOTAL		93.7	100.3	103.5	107.3

2. In accordance with the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Federal Post-Secondary Education and Health Contributions Act, 1977, the Secretary of State must present before each House of Parliament not later than the fifth sitting day of that House following the end of each fiscal year a report for the previous fiscal year. The Minister must report on: (1) cash contributions and total equalized tax transfers in respect of the post-secondary education financing program applicable to each province; (2) expenditures by each province on post-secondary education; (3) any other federal programs of support to or involvement in post-secondary education; (4) the relationship between such federal contributions, transfers and programs and Canada's educational and economic goals; and (5) the results of any consultations by or on behalf of the Secretary of State with the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada relating to the definition of national purposes to be served by post-secondary education and the means by which the governments of Canada and the provinces will achieve those purposes. The 1985-86 report on Federal and Provincial Support to Post-Secondary Education in Canada was tabled in Parliament on February 6, 1987.