

The Manpower Division has extended the objectives of manpower policy to make it responsive to the basic social and economic needs of Canadians. To attain these objectives it has devoted an increasingly large proportion of its total annual expenditures to assist those who are viewed as disadvantaged, whose opportunities for employment are limited because they lack minimum skills or suffer from social or physical handicaps.

The Committee recognizes that it is important, wherever possible, to assist unemployables to obtain productive employment. But it suggests the time has come to strike a note of caution. Expenditure by the Division of both money and effort on this activity should not lead to the neglect of those job seekers who are job-ready or can be made so through the established training and counselling services of Canada Manpower.