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Mr. Yewchuk: Can you indicate what has happened to the Alberta application?

The Chairman: Mr. Ciaccia.

Mr. Ciaccia: All applications have been considered by the working committees and the standing subcommittees and they are now awaiting final approval by the interdepartmental committee. We have not treated any one application separately from the others. We considered the first four that had applied together.

Mr. Yewchuk: Is there any indication whether these will be approved or is that something you cannot say at this time?

Mr. Ciaccia: I do not know. I really cannot say at this time. It is going to be up to the interdepartmental committee.

Mr. Yewchuk: Is any other department involved in the educational cultural centres?

Mr. Ciaccia: Yes, the Secretary of State is also involved in these centres.

Mr. Yewchuk: The funds are actually coming from their department, then?

Mr. Ciaccia: No. Most of the funds are coming from our department.

Mr. Yewchuk: What is the ratio of funding?

Mr. Ciaccia: I know that it is a joint program in the ratio of \$8 million to \$2 million.

Mr. Yewchuk: I see.

Mr. Ciaccia: Eighty per cent of the funds would be coming from the Department of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Yewchuk: Mr. Chairman, as you will recall, there had been some difficulty over this problem within the past few months based on the statement by the Minister that some funds given to the Alberta Association had not been properly accounted for. I would like to know now whether the department has been satisfied that funds have been accounted for and whether this will be any kind of obstruction to approving an Alberta application.

Mr. Ciaccia: The committee working on the application and guidelines for funding and for the management procedures has been looking at these applications on their own merits totally and has not been concerned with whatever the association has done in other areas. We are looking strictly at these applications on their own merits.

this was really what I was trying to distinguish in the amounts allocated in the estimates between what were outright grants and the spot in the estimates where funds are provided for the less aspects of economic assistance.

M. Yewchuk: Qu'en est-il advenu des demandes de l'Alberta?

Le président: Monsieur Ciaccia.

M. Ciaccia: Toutes les demandes ont été étudiées par les comités de travail et les sous-comités permanents et c'est maintenant au comité interministériel de donner l'approbation finale. Nous n'avons pas étudié chaque demande séparément; nous avons étudié les quatre premières demandes ensemble.

M. Yewchuk: Peut-on savoir si ces demandes seront approuvées ou ne pouvez-vous nous le dire actuellement?

M. Ciaccia: Je n'en sais rien. Je ne pourrais vous le dire pour le moment; c'est au comité interministériel à décider.

M. Yewchuk: Un autre ministère s'occupe-t-il également des centres d'éducation et de culture?

M. Ciaccia: Oui, le Secrétariat d'État.

M. Yewchuk: C'est celui qui fournit les crédits?

M. Ciaccia: Non, la plus grande partie provient de notre ministère.

M. Yewchuk: Quelle est la proportion?

M. Ciaccia: Notre ministère fournit 8 millions et le Secrétariat d'État, 2 millions.

M. Yewchuk: Très bien.

M. Ciaccia: Quatre-vingt p. 100 des crédits proviennent donc de notre ministère.

M. Yewchuk: Monsieur le président, vous vous souviendrez sans doute que ce problème a créé au cours des derniers dix mois quelques difficultés; en effet le ministre a révélé que l'on n'avait pas rendu compte comme il se doit de l'utilisation de certains crédits. La situation est-elle actuellement corrigée ou aura-t-elle certaine influence sur l'étude des demandes faites par l'Alberta?

M. Ciaccia: Le comité qui étudie ces demandes ne tient compte que de leur valeur et non pas des mesures prises par l'association dans d'autres domaines.