

Adjournment Debate

increased by 33 per cent in the period from 1984-85 to 1991-92.

All federal departments, agencies and Crown corporations must do their part to deal with the current financial burdens and pressures on the government and on the Canadian taxpayer.

The CBC has experienced some reductions in its parliamentary appropriations. This is necessary. These reductions are extremely modest when compared to the large amount of public funds that the CBC receives each year. For example, the reduction to CBC's appropriation of \$23 million announced since 1989 represents only 1.8 per cent of CBC's projected total resources.

As the hon. member is undoubtedly aware, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission this morning began a week-long hearing to examine CBC's restructuring activities. The CRTC will hear

comments and concerns from more than 70 interveners, as well as the CBC, before it retires to consider its decision.

The Minister of Communications is following these proceedings carefully, like all interested Canadians, and we await the decision of the commission with a great deal of interest.

In closing, I would like to assure all—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I apologize, but the rules are the same for all members and your time has expired.

The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 7.30 p.m..
