

purposes. Additionally, the province of Saskatchewan is somewhat of an exception since that government has for some time treated family allowance receipts as income for social assistance purposes. Thus the Saskatchewan Action Committee on the Status of Women was particularly concerned that no guarantees had yet been given that provinces would not consider the GST credit as income.

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Although the determination of social assistance benefits is nominally a provincial matter, the federal government does have some authority in this regard under the auspices of the Canada Assistance Plan. Mr. Terrence Hunsley of the Canadian Council on Social Development recommended to the Committee that the federal government enforce the provisions of CAP to ensure that these credits are passed on to welfare recipients.