

**RESPONSE TO THE  
FIRST REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
THE STATUS OF DISABLED PERSONS**

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Government of Canada increase the \$2.4 million recently committed to meet Court Challenges Program billings arriving after 31 March 1990 to the amount of \$3 million, and that this increase be announced as soon as possible or, in any event, by 31 December 1989.

**RESPONSE**

Following discussions with Canadian Council on Social Development, it was agreed to reprofile \$2.4 million to 1990/1991.

On February 22, 1990, the Minister of State for Multiculturalism and Citizenship sought the cooperation of the Canadian Council on Social Development to continue administering the Court Challenges Program for a period of four months, beginning April 1, 1990 to July 31, 1990. It was agreed that the commitments made by the members of the linguistic and equality rights review panels during this four-month period should not exceed \$667,000. A sum in the amount of \$250,000 was made available to the Canadian Council on Social Development for the Program's administration. This extension allows the Program to continue operating without interruption and ensures that court cases proceed as usual.