

*Student Summer Employment***MANPOWER****ANNOUNCEMENT OF INCREASED SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, last week the government took action concerning the financial relationships between the federal and provincial governments in view of current economic conditions. This action will provide a new stimulus to the economy.

Today, again in view of these economic conditions, the government has taken new decisions to increase employment opportunities for students across the country this summer, either within the federal public service and through special programs.

You will recall that some time ago I stated in the House that the objective of the government of Canada was to employ 11,365 students this summer at an estimated cost of \$13 million for salaries. I now wish to announce a decision of government to employ an additional 5,836 students within the government service this summer at an estimated additional cost of \$5.5 million for salaries. This represents a total of 17,200 jobs for students this summer in the public service at a possible salary cost of \$18.5 million.

My department will also within a fortnight open 33 additional special offices to serve students. These, as well as the 40 offices already operating, will be manned by students. In this way, we hope to provide the best possible services to the student population of Canada.

In addition, funds will be made available to permit the Department of National Defence to launch four new job-creating projects. These are: ground maintenance at bases across Canada, range clearance at Base Gagetown and Valcartier, opportunity to serve in the militia, and increased cadet training. Additionally, the Canadian Red Cross Youth has been approached to assume responsibility for leadership courses to be given to students while National Defence will provide accommodation and board to students in some of its establishments across the country. Some 10,500 should be gainfully employed through the first four projects. Some 300 students could enrol in the leadership courses. The total cost of these five projects involving the Department of National Defence is estimated at \$7.9 million.

Funds for the ongoing program of student travel within Canada and abroad under the leadership of voluntary agencies and in co-operation with the Department of the Secre-

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tary of State have been increased. It is expected that some 1,800 additional applications will be received from students. The Department of the Secretary of State will launch also a program to teach French or English to some 1,000 students during the summer months. While no salary is paid to students, the cost of the program is estimated at \$600,000 to cover teachers' salaries, accommodation and board for students for a six-week period.

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Finally, with the assistance of the Department of National Defence an effort will be made to establish drop-in centres in major cities to provide beds for students travelling throughout the country.

We have also approached the Canadian Red Cross Youth to allow us to participate in their educational projects by assisting them with funds to extend these projects to all provinces. These projects are designed to assist the underprivileged. Some 100 students could be employed as leaders while some 5,000 secondary school students might serve as volunteers.

In co-operation with the National Council of YMCAs it has been proposed that we assume through a grant the employment of students to act as supervisors in a number of day camps which, I believe, are important to many children in Canada.

In brief, the federal government intends to provide through its total program 36,000 openings for students this summer at an estimated cost of \$27.9 million. Parliament will be asked to provide funds through supplementary estimates.

A table providing a summary of our programs is attached to this statement, and, with consent, might be included in *Hansard* as part of my statement.

I have outlined our new programs for student employment. We shall bend all our efforts to ensure their implementation to the fullest possible extent.

As I have said before, we appreciate the leadership given by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce to its members in providing additional student openings this summer. It is my hope that these additional efforts by the federal government will encourage other employers to increase summer employment for students.

[Editor's Note: The summary of programs referred to above follows:]