

While private agencies, particularly those run for profit, have only an economic function, Canada Manpower Centre operations are run to provide a basic social and economic service to all Canadians—not selectively, but to all Canadians. (26:8)

In fact there has been selectivity. Since 1972 the Manpower Division has devoted an increasing proportion of its total funds to improve and increase the services to those it identifies as being disadvantaged. While this group includes the physically handicapped it concentrates on those who are disadvantaged in terms of income effectiveness which is defined as receiving welfare or working for wages at or below the poverty level. The Minister identified for the Committee the six specific programs of the Division which are not exclusively devoted to the disadvantaged but which are most often used to provide this assistance.¹⁰ He gave the Committee a breakdown of expenditures devoted to those six programs and the portions of them specifically allotted to the needs of the disadvantaged. In 1974-75, 51 per cent (\$260 million) of the Division's total expenditures on these six programs was directed to "the disadvantaged and people whose incomes are at or below the poverty line agreed to by the Canadian Council of Social Development." (26:8 and 26:27) In addition other employment related programs of the Division have been adjusted to meet the needs of this group, notably the Special Job Finding and Placement Drive and the diagnostic services.

The statement tabled by the Minister and printed in the Proceedings concludes:

Overall it is estimated that in 1973-74 approximately one half of program funds, excluding the Employment Service, were expended on those below the poverty level and there is no reason to suppose that this percentage is currently any different. (26:27)

¹⁰The six programs identified were Canada Manpower Training Program (CMTP), through Skill Courses and Basic Training Skill Development; Outreach; Local Employment Assistance Program (LEAP); Canada Manpower Industrial Training Program (CMITP); Canada Manpower Mobility Program (CMMP); and Local Initiatives Program (LIP).

Program	Approximate Expenditures Program 1974-75 (\$ million)	Estimated Proportion Expended on "Poverty" Clients	
		%	(\$ million)
CMTP	\$369	53	\$196
CMITP	32	31	9
Outreach	5	86	4
CMMP	8	41	3
LEAP	12	53	6
LIP	84	49	42
TOTAL	\$510	51%	\$260

Note: This table excludes a number of programs on which either data are not readily available, or which are specialized or temporary in nature (e.g.: the Employment Service, Special Job Finding Drive, and OFY) (26:27)