

In this one fiscal year alone we will be spending over \$658 million on direct job creation. The \$450 million will create some 70,000 additional jobs. If we add that to the 131,000 jobs already being created over the period, we have in direct job creation measures over 200,000 additional jobs being offered to Canadians through the direct employment policies of this government.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Axworthy:** Those 200,000 jobs are not thrown out at random, as advocated by the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson). He asked that we just give tax credits, give tax credits to everyone. We do not believe in that, Mr. Speaker. We believe that at this time we must target our approaches; we must zero in on where the problems are most extreme and where they are most difficult. That is why we use direct job creation to go into the areas of chronic or high unemployment, where the work is seasonal, or where there have been a large number of lay-offs. We have used the Canada development project to go into areas where there have been major lay-offs, whether it is Windsor, Brantford, Newfoundland or Vancouver Island. We have done that in order to help those workers restore their benefit and to have work in between times.

We are using that type of project so that the native people can build housing. We have heard great cries of lament in the past: "What are you doing for the native people?" One of the purposes of the job-creation program is to deal with the labour component of major housing programs across Canada. Those community development projects are often scoffed at by some members, who say that they are only band-aids or make-work projects. What they are really doing, Mr. Speaker, is helping to rebuild our community. We are building shipping units, we are building fishing wharfs, we are putting money into housing, we are putting money into new community facilities. In fact, Mr. Speaker, over 60 per cent of the community development projects goes into construction-related activities.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, over 40 per cent of those who become enrolled in those projects are young people. They are perhaps those who need the greatest help at this point in time. These direct employment projects are particularly targeted to the needs of the young. They need that first-time job experience to get a job record in the employment market.

That, Mr. Speaker, is where the community development projects are going. It is our intention again this summer to meet with business and labour to talk about a new development strategy for young people, so that they can begin targeting in on how they can get jobs, new jobs, with the assistance of industry. We can set up new centres across the country, give special attention to that hard core of structurally unemployed young people. These are the people who too often are on the sidelines. We want to begin taking special measures for them and we now have the funds and resources that we can allocate to those kinds of programs.

That is why we ask other Canadians to help in these efforts, to help native people build housing, to help people in the Gaspé

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or in Newfoundland or on Vancouver Island to go back to work. That is the kind of measure that we are promoting.

That is not the only housing measure that we have created in this area. We also have within the budget a major stimulus in the housing market. I find it very surprising, Mr. Speaker, having listened carefully to remarks of members opposite, to hear them saying: "Do something for the housing market". Let me just give an example of what the budget will do. Between the rental units applied and cited last March by the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Cosgrove) and those announced today, something like 54,000 new jobs will be created over the next two years.

The Canada home renovation plan, which was mentioned last night, will create something like 20,000 new jobs. We launched last night a \$300 million program for first time home buyers of existing homes and new construction that will provide direct assistance to close on 100,000 purchasers in this country and should create and stimulate 50,000 additional jobs. What this in fact totals up to over that period of time in the housing market alone is over 124,000 new jobs created directly by that stimulus in the housing construction market. Right now, the moment the budget was announced, those measures are available to go into place. One hundred twenty-four thousand additional jobs will be created because of those housing measures.

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It seems odd that those facts were somehow forgotten by hon. members opposite. Somehow they managed to forget that particular stimulus. In addition to the 200,000 jobs which are being created through our direct employment measures, we are creating 124,000 jobs through the stimulus in this budget provided by its housing measures.

In addition to that a third part of the job creation initiative was an additional \$300 million going to economic development programs. The hon. member asks what is going to research, what is going to manufacturing and what there will be by way of aids to industry. Is the hon. member indifferent to an additional \$300 million going to various programs, going into productivity increases, going into investment programs and going into research and development programs? How do hon. members opposite think we are able to develop major programs like the Bombardier project which is providing 20,000 jobs? We are able to do that through the expenditures in the economic development envelope. The Minister of Finance has put an additional \$300 million forward through the budget. The hon. member raised the question; we have just given him the answer. The money is going to create direct supports and incentives for private industry in those areas, to say nothing of the special grant going to small business. Hon. members somehow have conveniently overlooked and not talked about that; they do not want to talk about the truth or face the reality because that does not fit their own orthodoxes.

**Mr. Wilson:** The reality is there.