

In 1977, my colleague moved two motions in the House for discussions of this matter, one on May 6, and the other on October 31, 1977.

In 1981, he moved a new motion which was debated in the House. Finally, in 1987, he once again had a motion put on the Order Paper to establish a national school of government administration.

On behalf of my colleagues in the Liberal Party, I wish to express once again our support for this initiative to establish a Canadian Centre for Management Development, an initiative that was first brought before this House by a Liberal member, the member for Ottawa—Vanier, in 1974.

The centre replaces the former Centre for Executive Development in Tourraine operated by the Public Service Commission. The 1989–90 estimates for the operation of the centre are \$9.6 million compared to \$4.5 million in 1988–89. The centre is operating both at Tourraine and in the de La Salle Academy building on Sussex Drive.

Bill C-34 is a revised version of Bill C-148, and proposes that the CCMD be established as a departmental corporation with a board of governors rather than a department and an advisory council. The mandate of the centre includes the orientation, training and development of senior management in the federal public service and in the public sector, as well as in research into improved public sector administration.

Through training, orientation and development, the centre is designed to ensure that the senior public service managers improve the analytical, creative, advisory, administrative and other managerial skills and knowledge necessary to develop policy, to respond to change and manage government programs and services efficiently and effectively.

The centre will focus on attracting high-calibre candidates to the public service. It will conduct research into theory and practice of public sector management. The bill will also provide for co-operation between the centre and other institutions involved in management development and for the delivery of programs outside the public service.

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The objects empowered to the centre are as follows: To encourage pride in the management of Public Service and to foster among Public Service managers a sense of purpose, values and traditions of the Public Service;

to help ensure that managers in the Public Service have the analytical, creative, advisory and administrative and other managerial skills and knowledge necessary to develop policy, respond to change and manage government programs and services efficiently and effectively;

to encourage and facilitate, through its programs and studies, the attraction of persons of high calibre to the Public Service, and to support their growth and development as public sector managers committed to the service of Canada;

to develop and provide training, orientation and development programs for managers in the public sector and particularly for senior managers in the Public Service;

to study and conduct research in the theory and practice of public sector management; and

to encourage a greater awareness in Canada of issues related to the public sector management and the process of governance and to involve a broad range of individuals and institutions in the centre's pursuit of excellence in public administration.

[Translation]

We agree with the objects of the Centre for Management Development, which includes the object to help ensure that managers in the Public Service have the analytical, creative, advisory, administrative and other managerial skills and knowledge necessary to develop policy, respond to change and manage government programs and services efficiently and effectively.

We agree with its object to attract through its programs and studies persons of high calibre to the Public Service, and to support their growth and development as public sector managers committed to the service of Canada.

We agree with its object to formulate and provide training, orientation and development program for managers in the public sector and particularly for senior managers in the Public Service.