In general, the estimates of the costs of subsidy and support must be considered conservative due to the lack of detailed data (time permitted a survey of only two provinces, the value of municipal support programs could be estimated only with much more extensive research, and the Annex describes a variety of programs which support military production but for which no figures are available). On the other hand, in some cases the total figures given may be over-estimated in the sense that the recipient military industry firms also produce for the civilian market (some DIPP funds support civilian programs, and general support for military firms, e.g. through provincial governments, may in fact support non-military production). In the case of military-specific programs like DIPP, however, it should be noted that while they may support civilian production, their basic function is to support a continuing military production capability.

Source: Public Sector Support to the Canadian Military Industry 1990-91, Report prepared for the Sub-Committee on Arms Export by Project Ploughshares, May 1992.