

magnitude of the major programs and services – family allowances payments amounted to \$560 million, old age security payments to \$1,627 million plus another \$280 million under the guaranteed income supplement program, unemployment insurance benefits to \$758 million and veterans pensions and allowances to \$214 million and \$89 million, respectively. In addition, payments under the youth allowances program, which commenced in September 1964, amounted to \$60 million excluding \$22 million under Quebec’s schooling allowances program, which is financed by a federal fiscal transfer. In 1967-68 Quebec inaugurated its own family allowances program supplementing the federal scheme (see Section 6.7.4).

Canada Assistance Plan expenditures in 1970-71 were \$391 million. To this should be added an estimated \$200.3 million transferred to Quebec under the Established Programs (Interim Arrangements) Act. Provincial workmen’s compensation boards paid out \$230 million in cash benefits for pensions and compensation.

In the field of health, federal grants to the provinces under the Hospital Insurance and Diagnostic Services Act totalled \$734 million. Hospital construction grants to the provinces and municipalities were terminated on March 31, 1970. Provincial expenditures on hospital care were estimated at \$1,825 million and expenditures on other health services at \$990 million. In addition, provincial workmen’s compensation boards paid \$75 million for medical aid and hospitalization, and municipal governments spent an estimated \$100 million on health.

Total and per capita government expenditure on health and social welfare, from 1963 to 1971

