

**Official languages in education.** The federal government has been providing financial assistance to the provinces and territories to encourage opportunities for education in the minority official language and for Canadians to acquire a knowledge of their second official language. Started in 1970, the program has been administered by the language programs directorate of the department of the secretary of state and functioned under federal-provincial agreements for 1970-74 and 1974-79. Interim arrangements were in effect for 1979-81.

Federal funding to the provinces consisted of formula payments based on average provincial costs of education and enrolment in the programs.

A number of non-formula programs for specific provincial activities and initiatives also received federal support, such as special projects, language training centres, minority official language teacher training, official language fellowships, teacher bursaries, travel bursaries, summer language bursaries, official language monitors. Some of these programs, while funded by the secretary of state department, were administered by the council of ministers of education.

From 1970-71 to 1980-81 total formula contributions to the provinces amounted to just over \$1.25

billion. Contributions under non-formula programs totalled \$179 million for a combined total federal contribution in support of bilingualism in education of \$1.4 billion.

**Research support programs.** The federal government operates a number of programs to promote research in the physical and natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities. The main channels for this support are the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, the Medical Research Council and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. An inter-council committee co-ordinates their policies. Other agencies and departments such as the Atomic Energy Commission, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the departments of agriculture and health and welfare also contribute to research. Support may consist of capital grants, operating grants, research grants, and contracts, scholarships and awards.

**Other participants.** The National Museums of Canada, the National Gallery, the National Film Board and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation contribute directly or indirectly to various school programs.

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