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In 1982-83 gross general expenditure by the federal government jumped to \$94 billion, 20% higher than in 1981-82. This included increases of 29% in spending for social services (particularly unemployment insurance and payments to the elderly), 27% for transportation and communications, 15% for protection of people and property, 14% in resource conservation and industrial development and 12% in debt charges.

At the same time, gross general revenue increased by only 2% to \$74.3 billion. Revenue from corporation income taxes dropped 12%. General sales taxes fell 5% mainly because of lower demand for durable goods and building materials as well as smaller capital investment in machinery and equipment. Customs import duties fell nearly 18%.

Thus in 1982-83 the federal deficit was \$19.7 billion, more than three times that of 1981-82.

Increased expenditures for interest payments reflected growth of the unmatured federal debt from \$92.3 billion in 1981-82 to \$115.5 billion in 1982-83.