

development of minority language education and second official language instruction at the elementary, secondary and postsecondary levels. Responsibility for this function lies with the Official Languages in Education Directorate, established within the Department of the Secretary of State in 1970. Contributions under the program are made on the basis of federal-provincial and territorial agreements.

The objectives are to promote, encourage and assist the development and provision of education services in the minority language of each province or territory, and to provide opportunities for Canadians to learn their second official language.

From 1970-71 to 1982-83, contributions were provided through "formula payments" calculated on the basis of enrolment and provincial education costs; and a number of "non-formula" programs of support for specific provincial activities and initiatives. During this period, formula and non-formula contributions

by the federal government in support of bilingualism in education totalled \$1.8 billion.

Following an agreement in 1983-84 between the Secretary of State and the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC), new three-year bilateral agreements were negotiated with the provinces and territories; in September 1985, an extension to the agreement protocol covering 1986-87 and 1987-88 was signed. Under the new agreements, the federal contribution toward the additional costs of minority official language and second official language education is provided under five broad expenditure categories: infrastructure support; program expansion and development; teacher training and development; student support; and capital. Federal contributions to the provinces and to private institutions under these categories for all levels of education amounted to \$188 million in 1984-85.

Federal expenditures on Official Languages in Education at all levels totalled \$194 million in 1983-84 and \$203 million in 1984-85.

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