

# Part I – The Government Expense Plan

## 1 - Social Programs

This sector comprises those departments and agencies that deliver programs which aim to promote the health and well-being of Canadians and foster equality of access to the benefits of Canadian society. The federal government attains these objectives through direct program spending, transfers to persons and transfers to other levels of government. Departments in this sector include Health, Human Resources and Skills Development, Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and Veterans Affairs.

Table 6 breaks down planned spending on social programs by department, corporation and agency as well as transfer payments as follows:

**Table 6: Social Programs**

(\$ thousands)	Main Estimates		Change in Spending	
	2007-2008	2006-2007	\$	%
<b>Health</b>				
Department	<b>3,028,263</b>	2,975,397	52,866	1.8
Assisted Human Reproduction Agency of Canada	<b>13,476</b>	9,681	3,795	39.2
Canadian Institutes of Health Research	<b>869,521</b>	832,665	36,856	4.4
Hazardous Materials Information Review Commission	<b>3,506</b>	3,512	(6)	(0.2)
Patented Medicine Prices Review Board	<b>11,475</b>	6,512	4,963	76.2
Public Health Agency of Canada	<b>658,342</b>	506,589	151,753	30.0
Human Resources and Skills Development <sup>26</sup>	<b>5,086,296</b>	3,802,237	1,284,059	33.8
Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation	<b>1,985,382</b>	2,266,048	(280,666)	(12.4)
Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety	<b>4,628</b>	4,484	144	3.2
<b>Indian Affairs and Northern Development</b>				
Department	<b>6,232,167</b>	6,189,701	42,466	0.6
Canadian Polar Commission	<b>984</b>	976	8	0.8
First Nations Statistical Institute	<b>4,888</b>	.....	4,888	N/A
Indian Specific Claims Commission	<b>6,733</b>	5,572	1,161	20.8
Veterans Affairs	<b>3,375,650</b>	3,202,761	172,889	5.4
<i>Sub-total–Direct Program Spending</i>	<b>21,281,311</b>	<i>19,806,135</i>	<i>1,475,176</i>	<i>7.4</i>
<i>Major Transfers:</i>				
Canada Health Transfer	<b>21,348,400</b>	20,140,000	1,208,400	6.0
Canada Social Transfer	<b>8,800,000</b>	8,500,000	300,000	3.5
Elderly Benefits	<b>32,059,000</b>	30,575,000	1,484,000	4.9
Employment Insurance	<b>15,075,000</b>	15,030,000	45,000	0.3
Universal Child Care Benefit	<b>2,460,000</b>	.....	2,460,000	N/A
Alternative payments for standing programs	<b>(3,010,000)</b>	(2,995,000)	(15,000)	(0.5)
Youth Allowance Recovery	<b>(661,000)</b>	(699,000)	38,000	5.4
<i>Sub-total–Major Transfers</i>	<b>76,071,400</b>	<i>70,551,000</i>	<i>5,520,400</i>	<i>7.8</i>
<b>Total Program Spending</b>	<b>97,352,711</b>	<i>90,357,135</i>	<i>6,995,576</i>	<i>7.7</i>

<sup>26</sup> The two former departments, Human Resources & Skills Development and Social Development have been re-integrated for 2007-2008.