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SUMMARY OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS 1976-77

Following is a summary of social assistance payments for the year ended March 31, 1977 with comparative figures for the preceeding year. You will note that total expenditures declined by \$757,067.00 or 17%, and that the largest decrease (\$410,672.00) occurred in the category Unemployed/Able to work.

While we have no precise method for determining the reason for the decrease we think that it can, in part, be attributed to the Subsidized Term Employment Program and to changes to the regulations relative to the need for individuals to be as self-sufficient as possible.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES, 1976 - 77

Total Expenditures by Cause of Need

<u>Cause of Need</u>	<u>1976 - 77</u>	<u>1975 - 76</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Health	\$ 894,698	\$ 984,784	- 90,086	9.2 %
Dependent Children	821,900	1,004,827	- 182,927	18.2 %
Economic				
a) Unemployable/able to work	1,088,972	1,499,644	- 410,672	27.4 %
b) Other	195,677	173,536	+ 122,141	12.8 %*
Supplement Earnings	665,568	761,091	- 95,523	12.6 %
Total	<u>\$ 3,666,815</u>	<u>\$ 4,423,882</u>	<u>- 757,067</u>	<u>17.1 %</u>

* Increase

Total Expenditure by Region

Port Smith	\$ 1,964,844	\$ 2,621,189	- 656,345	25.0 %
Inuvik	468,917	485,320	- 16,403	3.4 %
Baffin	631,333	674,056	- 42,723	6.3 %
Keewatin	601,721	643,317	- 41,596	6.5 %
Total	<u>\$ 3,666,815</u>	<u>\$ 4,423,882</u>	<u>- 757,067</u>	<u>17.1 %</u>

Regional Expenditures by Causes of Need

Forth Smith Region

Health	\$ 458,646	\$ 580,055	- 121,409	20.9 %
Dependent Children	441,352	466,742	- 25,390	5.4 %
Economic				
a) Unemployable/able to work	633,531	1,033,757	- 400,226	38.7 %
b) Other	128,673	114,599	+ 14,074	12.3 %*
Supplement Earnings	302,642	426,036	- 123,394	29.0 %
Total	<u>\$ 1,964,844</u>	<u>\$ 2,621,189</u>	<u>- 656,345</u>	<u>25.0 %</u>

* Increase

Regional Expenditures by Causes of Need (cont.)

Inuvik Region

<u>Cause of Need</u>	<u>1976 - 77</u>	<u>1975 - 76</u>	<u>Increase or Decrease</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Health	\$ 118,062	\$ 114,648	+ 3,414	3.0 %*
Dependent Children	147,525	181,705	- 34,180	18.8 %
Economic				
a) Unemployed/able to work	151,052	141,977	+ 9,075	6.4 %*
b) Other	37,646	26,695	+ 10,951	41.0 %*
Supplement Earnings	<u>14,632</u>	<u>20,295</u>	<u>- 5,663</u>	<u>27.9 %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 468,917</u>	<u>\$ 485,320</u>	<u>- 16,403</u>	<u>3.4 %</u>

Baffin Region

Health	\$ 182,221	\$ 161,715	+ 20,056	12.7 %*
Dependent Children	148,207	169,977	- 21,770	12.8 %
Economic				
a) Unemployed/able to work	110,792	128,637	- 17,845	13.9 %
b) Other	13,112	14,854	- 1,742	11.7 %
Supplement Earnings	<u>177,001</u>	<u>198,873</u>	<u>- 21,872</u>	<u>11.0 %</u>
Total	<u>\$ 631,333</u>	<u>\$ 674,056</u>	<u>- 42,723</u>	<u>6.3 %</u>

Kecwatin Region

Health	\$ 135,769	\$ 128,366	+ 7,403	5.8 %*
Dependent Children	84,816	186,403	- 101,587	54.5 %
Economic				
a) Unemployed/able to work	193,597	195,273	- 1,676	1.0 %
b) Other	16,246	17,388	- 1,142	6.6 %
Supplement Earnings	<u>171,293</u>	<u>115,887</u>	<u>+ 55,406</u>	<u>47.8 %*</u>
Total	<u>\$ 601,721</u>	<u>\$ 643,317</u>	<u>+ 41,596</u>	<u>6.5 %*</u>

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