



Briefs to the Standing Committee on Finance

Various organizations 18 Oct 05

Pre-Budget Consultation

Campaign 2000

"Canada can do better – we have significantly reduced poverty among seniors and we can do the same for children and families.... Accelerate federal funding for regulated early learning and child care with additional commitments of \$900 million in 2006/07."

Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Federal Fiscal Forecasting Round 4
Report to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance

Canadian Council on Social Development

“The federal budget is to a large extent the roadmap for public policy at the federal level as those in the social policy field have learned – at times for better, at times for worse. This puts great responsibility in the hands of the Minister of Finance and consequently in your hands as the Committee that can advise the Minister and hold him (and perhaps someday her) to account.

My comments today link the concerns of our members and partners and our research with the theme of productivity. ... Education, from early childhood, through K-12 to post-secondary, and training must be priorities.

Early Learning and Childcare investments will contribute to productivity today – by easing workforce participation – and tomorrow when future generations enter the workplace....”