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the Conservatives voted against out amendment. We remain committed to accountability for federal monies provided for both health and post-secondary education.

Consultation

Question - Do you support the creation of a national advisory council on post-secondary education composed of federal, provincial and academic sector representatives to assist in the harmonization of higher education policy.

Progressive Conservative Party - (No reply was available)

Liberal Party - Yes, we support the creation of a national advisory council on post-secondary education. Liberal Leader John Turner on "The Nation's Business", May 24, 1987, stated that "We need a National Council on Post-Secondary Education to develop a national strategy to allow our education system to do what it is supposed to do which is teach." In addition, Liberal Critic for Secretary of State, Bill Rompkey, M.P. introduced a Private Member's Bill calling for the establishment of such a council.

New Democratic Party - Yes. Such an advisory council should be arms length and funded by both levels of government. It should provide funding for research into topics concerning post-secondary education and annual reports to make Canadians aware of the state of post-secondary education.

Research

Question - Given that the OECD ranks Canada seventh

in research spending after other Western industrialized countries, do you believe Canada's expenditure in this area, presently estimated are 1.36% of GNP, is adequate? What level of expenditure would you advocate?

Progressive Conservative Party - Our government promises to help promote university research. In the Budget of February 26, 1986 we announced the first ever five-year plan for the three federal Granting Councils that fund university research: the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council, the Medical Research Council, and the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council. As a country and as a people, we must elevate the role of education and technology to the very centrepiece of our national agenda.

Liberal Party - On August 30, 1988 in the House of Commons Liberal Leader John Turner committed a Liberal government to raising the level of public and private spending on R and D in Canada to 2.5% of GDP. The current expenditure on R and D is woefully inadequate and the Liberal Party "condemns the government for breaking its promise to double Canada's research and development effort to 2.5 percent or GNP, and for the measures announced since September 1984 which are undermining research and development, long-term economic growth and the competitiveness of Canadian business in world markets" (quote; David Berger, M.P., Liberal Science Critic)

New Democratic Party - We do not believe Canada's

present level of expenditure on Research and Development is adequate. We are on record as calling for an increase in expenditures to 2.5 percent of GNP.

Question - Would you support the recent recommendation of the Prime Minister's National Advisory Board on Science and Technology - that the base budgets of the three granting councils (MRC, NSERC, and SSHRC) be doubled over three years? - that the base funds of the councils be indexed at 1.5 times the growth on GNP thereafter? - that matching grants for private sector contributions be accorded to the councils only over and above such an increase in funding?

Progressive Conservative Party - since taking office, the Government has always placed a high priority on science and technology and on the funding of university research. On January 13, 1988, at the opening of the National Conference on Technology and Innovation in Toronto, the Prime Minister announced that \$1.3 billion in new funding would be made available for science and technology initiatives over the next five years. On March 28, 1988, details were announced for the Canada Scholarships program

for students entering undergraduate programs in science, engineering and related disciplines, which will receive funding of \$80 million over the next five years., \$240 million program for the establishment of national Networks of Centres of Excellence, and also a \$200 million increase over five years in the base budgets of the three granting councils.

Liberal Party - Yes, we support these recommendations of the Prime Minister's advisory Board on Science and Technology regarding the three granting councils.

New Democratic Party - Yes. We also believe funding for research should cover an increased share of research generated overhead.

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