

TO: Law Amendments Committee

From: Tamara Lorincz, 55 Willowbend Court, Halifax, NS B3M 3L3

Date: May 3, 2010

Re: Bill No. 23 "An Act to Establish a Day to Recognize the Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets and the Navy League Cadets in Nova Scotia"

Bio: I am a mother with two young boys. I am very active in the community on environmental, sustainability, social justice and peace initiatives in the community. Professionally, I am the Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Environmental Network, the Nova Scotia Minister's Round Table on the Environment and Sustainable Prosperity, and Sustainability Education in Nova Scotia for Everyone Working Group. In my personal capacity, I sit on the Parent-Teacher Association of Burton-Ettinger School, the Advisory Committee of the Nova Scotia Council for Early Child Development, the Halifax Peace Coalition, and the Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace.

Background: I am very opposed to Bill. No. "An Act to Establish a Day to Recognize the Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets and the Navy League Cadets in Nova Scotia". I missed appearing in person before Law Amendments on this bill last week and I would like to ask that the committee not recommend that the bill go to Third Reading and if the committee will not reject this bill then I would like to propose amendments to the wording.

My concerns:

- The bill and the debate in the House did not accurately reflect to the public that the cadet program is funded and directed by the Department of National Defence with an explicit objective to interest young people to join the Canadian Armed Forces
- The bill and the debate in the House did not accurately convey to the public that the cadet program is a recruiting strategy for the military and that this is explicit in the Department of National Defence's Plans and Priorities for 2010-2011
- The bill and the debate in the House did not disclose to the public that children would be given weapons training, marksmanship training, and be on warships etc... in the cadet program
- The bill and the debate in the House did not disclose to the public that children in the cadet program would be given camps, training opportunities, and exchanges with the US military
- The cadet program is NOT in the best interest of children
- This province doesn't even have a "Children's Day" (universally recognized on November 20) and all children in Nova Scotia should be a top priority to designate a day for them
- The government could have established a "4-H Day" to encourage young people to become farmers and gardeners - we need young people to create local, organic food systems not to learn how to use weapons.
- There are better youth programs: the Adventure Earth Centre, Peaceful Schools International, the Young Naturalists Club, Nova Scotia Sea School, and the Nova Scotia Youth Conservation Corps, where our young people can learn respect for each other and for the earth.
- A militarized economy and society are not sustainable and are not in the best interests of our children and this province.
- I am opposed to any cadet or military programming or recruiting in our public schools
- Children in the cadet programs are between 12-18 years old and they are vulnerable and are not able to fully discern what involvement in the military entails

My proposed amendments:

- The bill is amended to convey to the public the full intentions behind the cadet program including recruitment to the Canadian Armed Forces

- The bill is amended to signal to the public that the cadet program involves children using weapons i.e. rifles
- Please remove this Whereas "AND WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets and the Navy League Cadets are a positive influence in today's society;" – there is no evidence of this
- Please remove the word "valuable" in this clause "learn valuable life and work skills, such as teamwork, leadership, good citizenship and physical fitness, that will benefit them no matter what path they choose to follow;" because weapons training is not a valuable skill
- If not, please revise the wording to include these other skills training as part of the cadet program, in fact the signature programs, "healthy respect of firearms", "marksmanship", and "shooting"
- Please include a reference to the cadet program being funded and directed by the Department of National Defence

REFERENCES Please look at the documents and pictures to see what the cadet programs are about and please refer to the attached documents.

Cadet League of Canada-Nova Scotia Provincial Committee
<http://www.aircadetleague.ns.ca/documents.htm>

Army Cadet League of Nova Scotia
<http://www.armycadetleaguens.ca/>

Sea Cadet-Atlantic Region
<http://www.cadets.ca/regions/atl/content-contenu.aspx?id=52035>

Federal Government Public Spending - Department of National Defence 2009 <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/pdf/50-eng.pdf>
 (p. 18-10 on Cadet program)

Department of National Defence Plans and Priorities 2010-2011 <http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rpp/2009-2010/inst/dnd/dnd-eng.pdf>
 (DND Target to increase youth in cadet program p. 24)

Thank you for your serious consideration of my concerns and for stopping and/or revising this Bill No. 23.

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The Aims of the Air Cadet Movement

- ❖ To develop in youths the attributes of good citizenship and leadership.**
- ❖ To promote physical fitness.**
- ❖ To stimulate the interest of youths in the air element of the Canadian Forces.**



Army Cadet League of Canada (Nova Scotia)



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History of the Royal Canadian Army Cadets

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Transfer Payments

Available from previous years	Source of authorities				Disposition of authorities				
	As shown in		Adjustments, warrants and transfers	Total available for use	Used in the current year	Variance	Available for use in subsequent years	Used in the previous year	
	Main Estimates	Supplementary Estimates							
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Department									
Grants									
...	2,500,000	...	...	2,500,000	Security and Defence Forum class grant program	2,427,886	72,114	...	2,433,207
...	1,500,000	...	...	1,500,000	Named grant to the Institute of Environmental Monitoring and Research	1,500,000	...	...	1,500,000
...	380,000	...	...	380,000	Grant program to the national offices of the Cadet Leagues of Canada:				
...	380,000	...	...	380,000	Navy League of Canada	380,000	...	...	380,000
...	380,000	...	...	380,000	Army Cadet League of Canada	380,000	...	...	380,000
...	380,000	...	...	380,000	Air Cadet League of Canada	380,000	...	...	380,000
...	100,000	...	...	100,000	Conference of Defence Associations Named Grant Program	100,000	...	...	100,000
...	82,340	...	(272)	82,068	(S) Payments to dependants of certain members of the Royal Canadian Air Force killed while serving as instructors under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan	82,068	...	...	80,359
...	80,000	...	...	80,000	Non-academic grant program:				
...	40,000	...	...	40,000	Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies	...	80,000	...	...
...	25,000	...	...	25,000	Canadian International Council	40,000	...	...	40,000
...	24,660	...	...	24,660	Civil pensions and annuities:				
...	...	...	...	...	Mr. R P Thompson	16,142	8,858	...	16,741
...	...	...	...	...	Benevolent fund class grant program:				
...	...	...	...	...	Royal Canadian Naval Benevolent Fund	24,660	...	...	24,660
...	...	...	...	...	Items not required for the current year	...	...	...	2,247
...	5,492,000	...	(272)	5,491,728	Total—Grants	5,330,756	160,972	...	5,337,214
Contributions									
...	53,890,000	...	20,759,447	74,649,447	North Atlantic Treaty Organization programs:				
...	40,443,000	...	8,505,031	48,948,031	Military budget	74,649,447	...	...	59,888,995
...	49,661,000	...	(8,852,441)	40,808,559	NATO Security investment program	48,948,031	...	...	38,920,126
...	20,815,000	...	(19,015,000)	1,800,000	North Atlantic Treaty Organization major activities:				
...	10,000,000	...	...	10,000,000	NATO Airborne early warning and control program	40,797,695	10,864	...	42,903,109
...	6,796,400	...	(1,336,948)	5,459,452	Contributions in support of the Capital assistance program	1,800,000	...	...	450,000
...	...	...	...	...	Contribution program for the promotion of defence diplomacy objectives implemented by the Military training assistance program	9,223,744	776,256	...	8,922,520
...	...	...	...	...	(S) Payments under the <i>Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act</i>	5,459,452	...	...	6,078,991



DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

REPORT ON

PLANS AND PRIORITIES

2009-2010

Internal Services

Departmental Spending (\$ thousands)	Capital Spending (\$ thousands) (included in Departmental Spending)	Total (\$ thousands)
1,304,480	128,521	1,432,999
1,387,247	103,583	1,490,830
1,308,289	109,287	1,417,576
1,401,180	110,078	1,511,258



Strategic Outcome 3: Good governance, Canadian identity and influence in a global community.					
Performance Indicator				Targets	
CF Cadets : number of youth involved with the Cadet Program				No target established; trend analysis being developed	
Number of military personnel who have participated in Military Training Assistance Program (MTAP) activities over past twelve months				No target established	
Program Activity ^{1 and 3}	Forecast Spending 2008-2009	Planned Spending (net revenue in \$ thousands)			Alignment to Government of Canada Outcomes ²
		2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	
Contribute to Canadian government, society and international community in accordance with Canadian interests and values.	Departmental Spending (\$ thousands)				An innovative and knowledge-based economy
	1,144,727	1,037,130	828,581	849,605	
	Capital Spending (\$ thousands - included in Departmental spending)				A vibrant Canadian culture and heritage
	46,286	26,190	31,004	33,564	A safe and secure world through international cooperation A strong and mutually beneficial North American partnership

Notes:

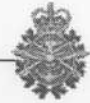
1. For program activity descriptions, please access the Main Estimates online at http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/est-pre/20082009/me-bd/pub/ME-334_e.asp.
2. While Defence actively contributes to all Government of Canada Outcomes, areas where Defence makes a primary contribution are noted. A summary of the linkages between Defence Program Activities and Government of Canada Outcome Areas is available at Appendix J.
3. Departmental and Capital Planned Spending by PAA by Sub-activity can be found in Section III: Supplementary Information – Table 14.

Internal Services

Internal Services - Total Spending Net of Revenues				
Resources	Forecast Spending 2008-2009	Planned Spending 2009-2010	Planned Spending 2010-2011	Planned Spending 2011-2012
Departmental Spending (\$ thousands)	1,304,460	1,387,247	1,398,289	1,401,180
Capital Spending (\$ thousands) (included in Departmental Spending)	126,521	103,563	109,287	110,078

Source: Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance and Corporate Services) Group

Note: Internal Services, within the current PAA construct, supports the three Strategic Outcomes as identified in the tables above.



Strategic Outcome: Good Governance, Canadian Identity and Influence in a Global Community

Section IIC – Program Activity: Contribute to Canadian government, society and the international community in accordance with Canadian interests and values

Program Activity Table

Contribute to Canadian Government, Society and the International Community in Accordance with Canadian Interests and Values						
Human Resources (FTEs) and Planned Spending (\$ millions)						
	2009-2010		2010-2011		2011-2012	
	FTEs	Planned Spending	FTEs	Planned Spending	FTEs	Planned Spending
Military	2,738		2,769		2,782	
Civilian	3,381		3,539		3,595	
Total	6,119	1,037,130	6,308	828,581	6,377	849,605
Program Activity Expected Results			Performance Indicators		Targets	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide military advice to the Government of Canada; • Provide support to Government of Canada programs; • Contribute to Canadian economy and innovation; • Contribute to Canadian identity; • Contribute to youth and education; • Meet commitments to international organizations and exchange programs; and • Provide advisory and training support to other nations. 			CF Cadets : number of youth involved with the Cadet Program		No target established; trend analysis being developed	
			Number of military personnel who have participated in Military Training Assistance Program (MTAP) activities over past twelve months		No target established	

Sources: Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff Group / Chief Military Personnel / Assistant Deputy Minister Human Resources (Civilian) Group / Assistant Deputy Minister (Finance and Corporate Services) Group

Notes:

1. Military FTEs represent Vote 1 and Vote 5 Regular Forces and do not include Class "C" Primary Reserve Forces.
2. Military FTEs are derived from a representative financial formula, as there is not a consistent 1:1 relationship between FTEs and program activities.
3. Civilian workforce is planned through a Salary Wage Envelope (SWE); therefore, FTE figures represent an equivalent dollar value.
4. Civilian workforce planned FTEs include forecasted growth projections and are subject to final budgetary approval.
5. Civilian FTEs include personnel attributed to Internal Services.