

Media Release - Federal Budget Falls Short

The Public Service Alliance of Canada is concerned that the Federal Budget doesn't do enough to stimulate the economy, or provide assistance to those who need it most.

Not only does the Budget fail to provide adequate accessibility to EI benefits for the unemployed during these critical times, but it includes attacks on pay equity for women and public sector worker wages. The Harper government also failed to invest in much needed public services such as universal child care and pharmacare.

Much of what the Budget entailed included an emphasis on public-private partnerships for infrastructure projects which will cost the public significantly more money and prove to be much less accountable than publicly-financed ones. This has implications for undermining the strength of the public sector in terms of Northern development, and creates a climate of deregulation that compromises public safety and does not provide long-term benefits to communities.