

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

A report called: "What's Been Done?" has been received at the Council office. This is an assessment of the federal government's implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women. Three years have passed since the Royal Commission tabled its report and made 167 recommendations to the federal, provincial, and territorial governments. Of these, 122 come within the jurisdiction of the federal government and are examined in this report. It is our hope to reprint some of the findings in IMAGES from time to time and we present the first such this month.

There are several copies of the report, so if you or your group would like to read or use one, please request it by writing or getting in touch with:

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RECOMMENDATIONS
RCSW

Government Reply
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NOT IMPLEMENTED

Rec. 126. Abortions

That the Criminal Code be amended to permit abortion by a qualified medical practitioner on the sole request of any woman who has been pregnant 12 weeks or less?

The government is giving no consideration to amendments relating to abortion beyond those introduced in 1970.

A majority of ACSW members have voted in favor of recommending that abortion be removed from the Criminal Code and has advised the government of this position. Partially implemented

DAY CARE

Rec. 118.

That the federal government immediately take steps to enter into agreement with the provinces leading to the adoption of a national Day Care Act under which federal funds would be made available on a cost-sharing basis for the building and running of day-care centres meeting specified minimum standards, the federal government to (a) pay half the operating costs; (b) during an initial seven-year period, pay 70% of the capital costs; and (c) make similar arrangements for the 2 territories?

The federal government has acted on the intent of this recommendation by providing both the funds necessary to expand the number of day-care centers and by ensuring that certain standards are met. Recent amendments to the Canada Assistance Plan Regulations extend the scope of sharable costs to cover total operating costs, including depreciation on equipment. The provisions of the plan apply to all provinces.

The ACSW notes that federal funding is still applicable to low income groups. Standards for the provision and operation of day-care centres are the responsibility of the provinces. The study to establish national guidelines has been completed and the report "NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR DAY CARE" may be obtained from: Canadian Council on Social Development, Box 3505, ST. C, OTTAWA, K1Y 1E5, at \$2.00 a copy.

POLICE

Rec. 156

That the federal government whenever possible, assign female instead of male police officers to deal with women taken into custody?

The RCMP has traditionally recognized the need for special consideration of females taken into custody as it pertains to their protection, privacy, modesty and hygiene. Accordingly, either professional matrons or women acting in a matron capacity are utilized

Partially implemented

A study is being done by the RCMP to determine (1) the feasibility (where and how) of employing females, (2) required qualifications (basic physical and educational); (3) recruiting procedures (4) training of fe-