

TURMEL: Brantford Chamber of Commerce Survey

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To: Federal Candidates

From: Chamber of Commerce Brantford-Brant

Date: June 11th, 2004

Re: Survey

MEMO:

The Political Awareness Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Brantford-Brant has prepared a series of questions for all candidates in the upcoming federal election. All responses will be published in a special election edition of "Working for You" and distributed to each member of the Chamber.

Please answer all questions and email your response to chamber@brcc.ca no later than Friday June 18th, 4pm.

The questions below are being circulated to all candidates. Please limit your response to 250 words or less. Thank you.

1. Health Care Reform

a) Health care reform has been a key issue for the Canadian Chambers of Commerce for the past several years. A world class health care system matters to Canadian business. In recent years, health care has grown more than any other provincial expenditure. In 1992, health care spending accounted for about 34% of total government program expenditures. Now it's about 41%. Four years ago, the federal government injected \$24 billion into health care,

then following Romanow, it added another \$35 billion and now the current Prime Minister is promising another \$9 billion.

b) Brant County continues to experience a shortage of Doctors. This is a critical issue, not only to those citizens who are without consistent medical care, but to corporations who are considering locating in Brant or attempting to attract quality employees.

Question a) What is your party's position on health care reform and how will you improve patient access by achieving greater efficiencies and provide more accountability to the tax-payer?

JCT: Most people are used to borrowing from the chartered banks which charge interest because they have depositors they must pay interest to. Above the chartered banks is the Bank of Canada which does not need to pay interest to any depositors and so can create new money like a casino creates new chips.

Now, the doctor has to inflate his prices to pay the interest on the mortgage debt for his practice. Once he uses his Bank of Canada checking account to switch to interest-free debt, he can cut back his prices by most of the interest saved.

When every citizen signs up for an online interest-free Bank of Canada account and credit card and nee