

Professor Carter Evidence Updates

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that some of the figures in my report ***Energy Programs and Poverty Alleviation: A Discussion Paper*** prepared for the Consumers Association of Canada and the Manitoba Society of Seniors can now be updated. In the report on Page 7 I stated that the average number of participants on social assistance over the 2007-2009 period was 56,800. The most recent figures available list the number of participants at 59,734 for 2009/10. The source for this figure is the 2010 Annual Report from Family Services. These 59,734 participants were contained in a caseload of 33,233.

On page 25 and 26 of the same report the discussion refers to 207,000 (before tax) living in poverty in the Province in 2006. More recent and detailed figures indicate that in 2008 there were 149,000 (before tax) people living in poverty in the Province and the after tax poverty figure was 96,000 households. The source for this is Statistics Canada Catalogue 75-202x. Figures from this source indicate that before tax poverty has fallen from 214,000 to 149,000 people over the 1998 to 2008 period and after tax poverty has fallen from 149,000 to 96,000.