

Alliance Quebec Shocked at PQ Government's Decision to Deny Quebecers their Share of Federal Funding

Montreal, Wednesday, January 24, 2001- Alliance Quebec is dismayed by the remarks made by deputy premier, Bernard Landry, in response to the federal government's offer of \$18 million to fund the Quebec City zoo's renovations. The federal government is seeking the display of the Canadian flag and two bilingual signs at the zoo.

Landry's remarks contradict his candidacy speech, for leader of the Parti Quebecois last Sunday when he stated that the "rights as a national minority in Quebec are sacred, part of the Quebec soul and will be respected forever. We are all Quebecers."

"The PQ government is once again denying Quebecers their share of federal funding," said Alliance Quebec President, Anthony Housefather. "Most Quebecers would be only too pleased to have Canadian flag and bilingual signs at the zoo in order to receive this funding."

Alliance Quebec fully supports bilingual signage throughout Canada, in order to show proper respect to both of Canada's official language communities. "Landry's refusal will hurt all Quebecers," Housefather added.