

Appendix 5: Responses from 101 Members of Parliament and senior aides when asked to identify what CIHR does well and what it does poorly

What CIHR does well	% of times strength was mentioned*	What CIHR does poorly	% of times weakness was mentioned*
Don't know	61.4	Don't know	62.4
Conducts good research	10.9	Communicates poorly	12.9
Leverages buying power, uses partnerships to be more efficient	6.9	Supports immoral research such as stem cell research	5.9
Maintains high standards of research, research is peer-reviewed	5.9	Favours research conducted in Ontario and Quebec, excludes regional proposals	4.0
Improves the quality of Canadian research	5.9	Does not place enough emphasis on public education and involvement	3.0
Collaborates well with other organizations	5.9	Other†	17.0
Manages funding efficiently, ensures a return on investment	5.0		
Improves Canadians' knowledge of general health issues	4.0		
Supports a broad range of research	3.0		
Other†	22.8		

Note: CIHR = Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

*Percentages do not add to 100 because multiple responses were allowed.

†“Other” represents unique responses (14 strengths and 15 weaknesses), each mentioned by no more than 2 respondents.