

Routine Proceedings

The petitioners point out all the cuts or reductions in support for aboriginal programs and call on Parliament to consider the advisability of reinstating both the Native Communications Program and the Northern Native Broadcast Access Program at full funding levels.

Further, they humbly pray that the Department of Secretary of State conduct consultations with the groups funded under the said programs in order to devise plans for the future that will serve the needs of the department as well as aboriginal peoples and their media programs.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Madam Speaker, on another matter, it is my honour again to present a petition on behalf of a number of constituents in Kamloops, British Columbia, who are opposed to the government's goods and services tax.

They point out that it is a very regressive tax. It is an unfair and cruel tax. They ask the government to drop the tax as soon as possible and begin real fair tax reform.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, Question No. 278 will be answered today.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The question enumerated by the parliamentary secretary has been answered.

[Text]

INFESTATION OF ZEBRA MUSSELS IN THE GREAT LAKES SYSTEM

Question No. 278—Mr. Comuzzi:

For the fiscal year 1990-91, were government funds allocated through the Department of (a) Transport (b) Environment (c) Fisheries and Oceans (d) Agriculture to address the infestation of zebra mussels in the Great Lakes System and, if so, in terms of (i) dollars (ii) person-years (iii) percentage of total for research (iv) percentage of total for prevention of further spread (v) percentage of total for cleanup, what total amounts?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): I have been informed as follows:

(a) None for the Department of Transport.

(b) (i) The Department of the Environment has earmarked \$100,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 from the Great Lakes Action Plan to supplement the biological impact studies of Fisheries and Oceans.

(ii) No person-years have been allocated.

(iii) \$100,000 (100 per cent) is slated for research.

(iv) Percentage of total for prevention of further introductions of exotic species 0 percent.

(v) The Great Lakes Action Plan will consider zebra mussel control proposals eligible for support from the Great Lakes Clean-up Fund.

(c) (i) Total expenditures of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans on zebra mussels including salaries, operations and incidental expenses for 1990-91 fiscal year is \$230,000. This includes \$100,000 from Great Lakes Action Plan transferred from DOE (see Part b (i)) and \$20,000 salary dollars DFO, P&FF (Pacific & Freshwater Fisheries) Headquarters.

(ii) Total person-years 1.75 (1.55 Science, 0.2 P&FF Headquarters).

(iii) Percentage of total for research 91 percent (administration 9 percent).

(iv) Percentage of total for prevention of further spread 0 percent.

(v) Percentage of total for cleanup 0 percent.

(d) None for the Department of Agriculture.

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[English]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Starred Question No. 274.

Due to the length of this response, I ask that it be made an Order for Return. This return would be tabled immediately.