

the Information Office, and by other departmental officials.

2. The costs attributable solely to public relations cannot be identified, but see the answer to question No. 2,572.

RESEARCH ECONOMISTS, PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION

Question No. 2,556—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

1. What are the names of the research economists who have accepted positions with the Prices and Incomes Commission and on what dates did they indicate their acceptance?

2. How many economists in academic institutions have been offered positions on the staff of the Prices and Incomes Commission?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** I have been informed by the Chairman of the Prices and Incomes Commission as follows: 1. The names of the research economists who have accepted positions with the Prices and Incomes Commission and the dates they indicated their acceptance are as follows:

Mr. D. Brazier, May 23, 1969;  
Mr. H. Bubeck, July 30, 1969;

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Mr. J. Cragg, June 15, 1969;  
Mr. W. Dymond, July 11, 1969;  
Mr. J. Hague, June 25, 1969;  
Mr. T. Houston, August 6, 1969;  
Mr. L. Reed, June 22, 1969.

2. The Commission does not maintain a record of preliminary approaches to economists in academic institutions.

FOREST FIRES IN CANADA

Question No. 2,562—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many forest fires were reported in Canada in each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

2. How many acres of forest were destroyed by fire in each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

3. What was the estimated value of the timber lost as a result of forest fires in each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

4. What percentage of the forest fires in terms of (a) acreage (b) timber value, were the result of (i) natural causes (ii) careless hunters and fishermen (iii) careless campers and tourists (iv) other?

**Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):**