

DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS—TASK FORCES

Question No. 474—**Mr. McCleave:**

What task forces have been commissioned by the Department of Urban Affairs since its establishment, what was the purpose of each and how much has each cost?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): No task force has been commissioned by the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs since its establishment on June 30, 1971.

CONSTITUENCY OF PORTNEUF—NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS REGISTERED WITH CANADA MANPOWER CENTRE

Question No. 500—**Mr. Godin:**

How many unemployed persons residing in the constituency of Portneuf are registered with the Canada Manpower Centre in Quebec City?

[Translation]

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Data on Canada Manpower Centre clients, by area of residence, are not reported by the CMCs. Therefore, it is not possible to provide statistics on the number of unemployed Portneuf constituents who are registered with the Quebec City CMC. The electoral districts of Quebec, Montmorency, and the greater part of Portneuf are within the boundaries of the Quebec City CMC.

[English]

STATUS OF HOLDERS OF PASSPORTS ISSUED BY REGIMES NOT RECOGNIZED BY CANADA

Question No. 515—**Mr. MacLean:**

Are visitors, in some cases, refused entry to Canada simply because they are travelling on passports issued by certain coun-

Questions

tries and, if so, what are the countries whose citizens are not allowed entry to Canada?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): A passport issued by a regime not recognized by the Government of Canada is not considered as a valid passport for purposes of the Immigration Act. Because of this, a person who seeks entry as a visitor and presents only such a passport is refused. Examples of such passports are those issued by the regimes of East Germany, North Korea, North Viet Nam and Taiwan. If, however, such a person is in possession of some other form of travel document which is acceptable to the Canadian Government he is allowed entry. In addition, citizens of Southern Rhodesia are prohibited from entering Canada, except on humanitarian grounds. Details of this can be found in the reply to question No. 419 given by the Secretary of State for External Affairs on January 11, 1971, as recorded on page 2255 of *Hansard*.

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT ACT—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

Question No. 524—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

Under the provisions of the Employment Support Act (a) what agricultural commodities received financial assistance (b) what was the amount in lieu of each commodity (c) how were the funds distributed?

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Commodity assistance given pursuant to the Agricultural Stabilization Act and Agricultural Products Board Act but in recognition of the objectives of the Employment Support Act.

(a)	(b)
Commodity	Amount to Date
Turkeys	\$1,354,105
Potatoes	974,391
Apples (Fresh)	Nil to date
Blueberries	216,284
Carrots	122,909
Rutabagas	69,548
*Hogs	\$10,762,460

(c)
Method of Distributing Funds
Purchase and Processing by tender for World Food Program
Purchase from producers
Promotion through Canadian Horticultural Council
Payments to producers
Payments to distributors for benefit of producers
Payments to distributors for benefit of producers
Payments to producers

*A mandatory commodity under the Agricultural Stabilization Act.

• (1430)

Mr. McIntosh: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I should like to ask why question No. 305 has not been answered. It has been on the order paper for over two months and should only require a week to answer.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, I will look into that question.

Mr. Korchinski: Mr. Speaker, I had hoped to avoid raising a point of order, but I personally asked the minister to look into questions Nos. 255 and 278. Question No. 255 is of such a nature that each day the answer is delayed means that further information is necessary, thus making it more complicated for the government. With regard to question No. 278, I believe there is great injustice in the

application of a rule. The answer will reveal whether this is correct. I require the information and I must proceed according to the means available to hon. members if I am to be able to act on the matter.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, I have taken notice of the two questions and will look into them.

Mr. Harding: Mr. Speaker, may I inquire when questions Nos. 158, 159 and 160 will be answered? They were placed on the order paper on February 22. Prior to that, they were on the order paper last October, seven or eight months ago. Surely an answer is available from the government benches by this time.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member makes a good argument. I will look into those questions also.