

Order Paper Questions

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Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 689 and 1000 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

GRANTS UNDER MULTICULTURALISM PROGRAM

Question No. 117—**Mr. Herbert:**

How much money has been granted to date (a) by province (b) by linguistic group where identifiable, under the multiculturalism program?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): The following is a listing of grant funds approved under the multiculturalism program from fiscal year 1972/73 to the end of the 2nd quarter fiscal year 1974-75. The listing is presented by province and by cultural group rather than by linguistic group. In terms of its objectives, the multiculturalism program assists Canadian ethno-cultural groups, and not necessarily linguistic groups as such, to develop within the Canadian context and contribute to modern Canadian society: (a) By Province: British Columbia, \$220,108; Alberta, \$361,887; Saskatchewan, \$158,722; Manitoba, \$237,329; Ontario, \$2,179,040; Quebec, \$883,100; New Brunswick, \$19,393; Nova Scotia, \$176,908; Prince Edward Island, \$7,700; Newfoundland, \$44,694; Total, \$4,288,881. (b) By Cultural Group: Black, \$291,331; Chinese, \$105,810; Croatian, \$9,000; Dutch, \$16,810; East Indian, \$90,504; Estonian, \$18,818; Filipino, \$14,000; Finnish, \$22,850; French Canadian, \$40,865; German, \$142,698; Greek, \$72,640; Hungarian, \$77,418; Italian, \$241,657; Jewish, \$204,740; Lithuanian, \$12,950; Mennonite, \$13,868; Native, \$45,383; Polish, \$258,009; Portuguese, \$96,978; Russian, \$35,500; Scandinavian, \$12,355; Scottish, \$47,402; Ukrainian, \$450,760; Yugoslavian, \$39,855; Others, \$600,544; Multicultural, \$1,326,136; Total \$4,288,881.

DREE—GRANTS TO NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Question No. 387—**Mr. Firth:**

Has the Department of Regional Economic Expansion given consideration to providing loan and grant moneys in the Northwest Territories and (a) if not, for what specific reasons (b) if so, would the Minister give an indication as to the exact date such moneys would be available?

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Yes, such consideration has been given and continuing consultations on the subject are being held with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, which bears primary responsibility for all matters affecting northern development. (a) There inter-departmental discussions have reached the conclusion that the existing programs of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, which have largely been tailored to meet particular development needs encountered in the more southerly areas of the country, cannot be readily modified to meet the quite different needs which exist in the Northwest and Yukon

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Territories. There is, however, general agreement that special measures are required to meet problems and take advantage of opportunities existing in the territories. For this reason, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has assumed responsibility, in consultation with the territorial government, for the preparation of proposals for special types of social and economic development action appropriate to northern circumstances. The objective is to provide, in the Northwest and Yukon Territories, a range of government initiatives and support programs specifically tailored to the needs of those areas but comparable to those available elsewhere in Canada and consistent with DREE's regional development efforts with the provincial governments. In order to ensure that the experience of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion elsewhere in the country is taken fully into consideration, officers of the Department are participating as consultants in the preparation of these proposals. Basic responsibility, however, rests with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, as the federal agency primarily concerned. (b) Not applicable.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, OCTOBER 1, 1974

Question No. 404—**Mr. McKinnon:**

How many public servants were employed by the Department of National Defence on October 1, 1974?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The number of continuing full time public servants employed by the Department of National Defence on October 1, 1974, was 32,203.

REFUSAL BY BANK OF CANADA TO ACCEPT SILVER DOLLAR COINS

Question No. 408—**Mr. Lachance:**

Does the Bank of Canada refuse to accept silver dollar coins commonly called Silver Dollar and, if so, does the government intend to take measures to correct this situation?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Section 8(2) of the Currency and Exchange Act (Statutes of Canada, 1970 ch. C-39) states that: "The Governor in Council may make regulations for the redemption by the Minister of coins that are or that have at any time been current in Canada." Mutilated coins are taken in by the Bank of Canada for return to the Royal Canadian Mint and redemption by the Minister of Finance. Ordinary coins which are not mutilated are not redeemable. A decision to provide for the redemption of any particular coin would be a matter of public policy and, as a result, Parliament would be duly informed if such a decision were taken. With respect to the Olympic coins Section 5(4) of the Olympic (1976) Act states that: "Where in the opinion of the Minister of Finance the amount of Olympic coins in circulation in Canada may be detrimental to the Canadian currency, the Minister shall redeem such amount of Olympic coins as he deems necessary."