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Mr. Speaker: Is the Secretary of State for External Affairs rising to contribute to the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Moose Jaw? I was hoping he would. The hon. member for Moose Jaw has given notice of his proposed question of privilege as required by the Standing Order. Even though the hon. member's notice was somewhat sketchy and did not identify the returns to which he wished to take exception, I immediately suspected what he had in mind when I noticed the form of the returns to motions Nos. 224 and 227 standing in the name of the hon. member for Moose Jaw.

I am not sure whether the hon. member has a point of order or a point of privilege but certainly he has a point. The return presented by the department obviously is not in the conventional or traditional form. It seems to me that if a return is to be of any value to an hon. member it should be presented in a form that will convey to the member the information he is seeking and which the House has ordered he should receive. I suggest that this requirement is not met by the filing, by way of reply, of material which cannot be interpreted without the use of a mechanical device.

As of the present date there is not readily available to members the equipment required to print out the material contained on a film negative. I might say that even if such equipment were available it is still very doubtful that a return in the form now presented would be acceptable without a special order of the House or without a change in our rules.

It may be that at some time in the future the House will consider it expedient to provide for the submission of returns in this form, but this is looking into the future. For the moment I must rule that the return is not in proper form and does not comply with the order of the House.

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw your attention and the attention of the House to the presence in the gallery of the Secretary General of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Mr. Van Lennep.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[Mr. Skoberg.]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

THE BUDGET

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DATE OF PRESENTATION

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to inform the House that the budget will be presented on March 12.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

INDIAN AFFAIRS—ANNUAL SALARY, DR. DAVID MUNRO

Question No. 29—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

1. What is the annual salary of Dr. David Munro, head of the new section on Indian consultation and negotiation group of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

2. Who are the members of his staff, and what are their respective annual salaries?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): For a number of senior employees in the Indian Consultation and Negotiation Group their specific salaries are directly related to their individual performance.

The Government's policy regarding answers to questions concerning the salary of persons on performance pay is to indicate only the applicable salary range.

1. Dr. Munro's salary range is $23,000 to $29,000.

2. In establishing the Indian Consultation and Negotiation Group three divisions from the former Indian Affairs Branch complete with the employees in those divisions were transferred to the Indian Consultation and Negotiation Group. The three divisions are the Indian Eskimo Bureau, the Federal Provincial Relations Division, and the Policy and Planning Division.

The list below indicates the name of those employees plus two employees transferred from other sections within the department. They are:

Name	Salary range
J. W. Churchman	$21,000-$26,000
G. A. Yeates	$19,000-$23,000
C. I. Fairholm	$19,000-$23,000
W. D. Mills	$17,443-$19,820
L. L. Brown	$19,084-$21,687