

accommodation, assistance to industry, medical assistance plans, grants in lieu of taxes, etc.

The percentage of defence expenditures outside Canada was as follows:

1975-6	9 per cent
1976-77	11 per cent
1977-78	13 per cent
1978-79	15 per cent
1979-80	18 per cent

2. For 1979-80 exceeding \$550 (U.S.)

FEDERAL SALES TAX—EXEMPTION FOR INFORMATION BOOKLETS

Question No. 1,339—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Will the government consider the advisability of introducing legislation to make directories, travel guides and tourist information booklets put out by chambers of commerce and which contain advertising exempt from federal sales tax since they are of a non-profit or charitable nature and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): The federal sales tax of 9 per cent is a levy of general application which falls upon most goods. Sales and excise taxes generate a significant portion of government revenues.

The Excise Tax Act does not generally provide exemption from the sales tax on purchases by non-profit or charitable organizations because of the difficulty of identifying persons in those categories.

It would also be difficult to provide sales tax relief for printed advertising matter which is intended to assist the tourist industry without providing similar relief for advertising matter purchased by all other industries. But proceeding in that manner would entail an unacceptable revenue loss.

CANADIAN BANKS—PROFITS

Question No. 1,342—**Mr. Flis:**

1. What percentage of the profits made by Canadian banks are being re-invested into the domestic economy?
2. What percentage is leaving Canada?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): In 1979, 67 per cent of the chartered banks' after tax profits were earned on domestic business in Canada and 33 per cent were earned from international business. The banks distributed about 30 per cent of their total profits to shareholders in the form of dividends; since 92 per cent of the banks' shareholders reside in Canada and 8 per cent reside abroad, 27.6 per cent of the banks' profits remained in Canada and 2.4 per cent went abroad.

The 70 per cent of profits not paid out as dividends was reinvested by the banks. Last year, 65 per cent of the banks' assets were related to domestic business and 35 per cent to international business. However, since the banks' international assets are generally funded from non-Canadian sources, the bulk of retained profits was reinvested in Canada.

SOVIET MILITARY ATTACHÉS—TRAVEL TO OTHER PARTS OF CANADA

Question No. 1,345—**Mr. Jelinek:**

1. How many Soviet Military Attachés, restricted to the confines of the national capital region, have asked for special permits to travel in other parts of Canada in the past (a) six months (b) year (c) two years (d) three years (e) five years and what are their names and their position?

2. How many times did each apply and how many applications were (a) approved (b) rejected?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). See list A.

Names and positions are listed in list B.

2. (a) and (b);

Frequency of application is listed in list A and all travel was approved except for one occasion when two officers to the same destination and in the same time frame were denied permission.

Frequency of Travel Outside Ottawa for Soviet Service Attaches

	Captain Bardeev	Colonel Povetiev	Colonel Alexanian	Lieutenant-Colonel Mishin	Lieutenant-Colonel Vakrushev	Commander Smirnov
Past Six Months	1	0	1	2	8	0
Past Year	9	0	3	7	13	0
Past Two years	18	9	7	17	21	0
Past Three Years	23	22	16	19	21	0
Past Five years	23	22	16	19	21	4

Military Attache Name	Position	Notes
Lieutenant-Colonel V. Mishin	Assistant Air Attaché	Currently at Soviet Embassy
Lieutenant-Colonel V. Vakrushev	Assistant Military Attaché	Currently at Soviet Embassy
Captain I. Bardeev	Military Naval and Air Attaché	Left Canada 29 Jan. 80
Colonel E. Alexanian	Assistant Military Attaché	Left Canada 28 Jan. 80
Colonel V. Povetiev	Assistant Military Attaché	Left Canada in 1978
Commander V. Smirnov	Assistant Naval Attaché	Left Canada in 1977

QUEEN'S SQUARE—DARTMOUTH, N.S.

Question No. 1,347—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Do any departments occupy space in Queen's Square, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and, if so (a) which ones (b) how many square feet is occupied?