

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Question No. 452—**Mr. Howie:**

Are any persons employed by the Public Service Commission and, if so, how many and what is the estimated salary expenditure for the current year, and what were the salary expenditures in each of the preceding two consecutive years?

Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State): As of December 31, 1983 the Public Service Commission was employing 2,736 persons.

Estimated salary expenditures for current year	\$84,524,000
Actual salary expenditures for 1982-83	76,015,000
Actual salary expenditures for 1981-82	68,273,000

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF FITNESS CANADA

Question No. 678—**Mr. Hawkes:**

Did the Ministry of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) recently hire a new Director for Fitness Canada and, if so, what (a) is the name of the successful candidate (b) steps were taken to ensure that the competition for this position was open to all qualified Canadians?

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Ministry of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport and the Public Service Commission as follows:

(a) Yes, Mr. Michel Bédard was appointed to the above-mentioned position effective February 20, 1984 for a specified period (two years).

(b) The qualified candidate was selected following a careful examination, by both the Public Service Commission and the Department, of members of the management category via the management resources information system as well as the applicant inventories in which all Canadians can register.

[Translation]

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

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Supply

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—NEED FOR GOVERNMENT POLICY ON VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. McLean:

That this House condemns the Government for its failure to honour the commitment made both in 1974 and 1981 by Canada's Secretary of State to develop, in co-operation with the voluntary sector, a comprehensive government action policy with respect to the voluntary sector and urges the Government to provide an immediate incentive to Canada's 40,000 registered charities by implementing the give and take tax credit proposal.

Mr. Douglas Fisher (Mississauga North): Mr. Speaker, today's motion deals with the dealings between the voluntary sector and the federal Government. I am pleased to rise once again to talk about this topic. I am proud of the partnership that has developed between our Government and the community groups, particularly those in Mississauga.

I would like to spend a few minutes reflecting on the creativity and the value of that partnership. In my view, there is a major policy thrust, particularly in areas like housing, the arts and multiculturalism, that creates a deliberate partnership between the private sector and the federal Government. There is also a second way that we work with the private sector, that is, by creating new jobs and new opportunities in community development. Third, we have undertaken a program that seeks accountability, flexibility and community growth.

Therefore, I want to talk about these parts of the Government's efforts to strengthen and encourage the private voluntary sector in my riding. I intend to use the Mississauga area volunteer and charity groups as the focus of my discussion. I would like to relate our programs to these specific community efforts because I must admit at the outset that I am very, very proud of the efforts that we are undertaking in Mississauga.

For example, on Saturday night the Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn) and I had a great opportunity to join the South Asian Community when they held a fund raising dinner to help raise moneys for our new Credit Valley Hospital. It would be remiss of me not to extend my congratulations to them for the great effort they made.

I also want to extend my congratulations to the Streetville Lioness Club which held a dance on that same Saturday night, again to raise funds for our local hospitals.

We have seen many community groups across Mississauga use this hospital as a focal point to raise moneys to help develop our community. They have made a vital contribution that has been good not only for themselves but also for our city at large. It would take me far too long to list all of these different groups here and now.

I said at the beginning that there is a deliberate partnership between the voluntary sector and the federal Government in housing, particularly social housing. I would like to make a reference here to Russett Co-Op and to Tecumseh Co-op, both