

notice that agreement could not be achieved. I thought it was wrong at the time but the Speaker ruled in favour of it, so I accept it. However, it certainly would not be appropriate for the Minister to rise under the guise of giving notice of something to indicate simply that there was no agreement.

**Madam Speaker:** For clarification, may I remind Hon. Members that I only went back to Notices of Motions because the Hon. Minister asked me to go back to Notices of Motions and I said yes. We do that very often and we can go back.

However, the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain is right. A Minister might give notice in the course of debate this afternoon, but he may also do it now because the only restriction upon that is a Minister "in his or her place". That is the only restriction. A Minister may do it at any time. He can do it under Motions, Notices of Motions or during debate. Therefore, I feel the Hon. Minister can give notice at any time.

**Mr. Cosgrove:** Madam Speaker, in opening my remarks I indicated that I wanted to inform the House and give notice that consultations have not been successful among the Parties and it has not been possible to reach agreement pursuant to Standing Order 80 or 81 with regard to the allocation of time to the second reading stage of Bill C-143, an Act to provide supplementary borrowing authority. Therefore, at the next sitting of the House, I shall propose a motion pursuant to Standing Order 82 to allocate one sitting day to the said stage of the said Bill.

**Mr. Lewis:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Minister first sought to smuggle in a Government Notice of Motion under Motions. Now the Minister is trying to do it on a point of order.

**Madam Speaker:** I hope the Hon. Member agrees with me—I will repeat his term but I cannot accept it—that the Minister could have smuggled it in at any time. I repeat that the only restriction is that a Minister of the Crown be in his or her place. That is the only restriction. He may give that notice of motion at any time. He has now given it, not under a point of order but under Motions.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Madam Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 4,587.

[Text]

**PARKING AT PLACE DU PORTAGE**

Question No. 4,587—**Mr. McCuish:**

1. How many public servants are located in the Place du Portage office complex in Hull, Quebec?

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2. How many parking stalls are allocated for public servants there?
3. What is the monthly charge for parking permits?
4. Are person-hours lost each month due to public servants queuing up during regular working hours in order to purchase parking permits and, if so, how many?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works):**

1. Place du Portage, Phase I, II, III, IV  
Place du Centre  
8,900  
1,400  
10,300

This is an approximate figure based on NCC survey and update.

2. In all garages servicing the complex:  
Public servants—normal working hours 691  
(This figure includes 159 spaces provided to employees working in Place du Centre and Terrasses de la Chaudière.)  
Public servants working shifts outside the normal 8 to 5 base hours 172  
Total 863

(In addition, 39 spaces are provided for Crown-owned vehicles.)

3. It is \$28.05 for public servants qualified under the Treasury Board parking policy; \$38 commercial rate.

4. The sale of monthly parking passes at the Place du Portage is normally implemented five days prior to the parking month. The sale at Laurier-Taché Garage commences at 7:30 a.m. and is normally sold out by 9 a.m. the same day. The passes at Notre-Dame Garage have never been sold out; hence, the sale there starts at noon and continues during normal working hours.

The person-hours lost due to these sales are not readily available. The only means for Public Works Canada to obtain the information would be to write to all Departments located in Hull. The time and cost of such an effort would be excessive and there would be no way of verifying the information.

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[English]

**QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURN**

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Madam Speaker, if questions Nos. 4,222 and 4,421 could be made orders for returns, these returns would be tabled immediately.

**Madam Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.