

## "OCEAN RANGER" INQUIRY

Question No. 474—**Mr. Howie:**

What is the contemplated completion date of the Royal Commission Inquiry into the loss of the *Ocean Ranger* and what is the estimated cost of the inquiry?

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** The contemplated completion date of Part I of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the loss of the *Ocean Ranger* dealing with causes of the loss is June 30, 1984.

The contemplated completion date of Part II of the Inquiry into related safety and other matters connected with eastern offshore drilling is the spring of 1985.

The estimated cost of the whole Inquiry is \$13,500,000.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT—CHATHAM-NEWCASTLE AREA

Question No. 518—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1983, did the Department of the Environment announce any grants, contributions or assistance for the Chatham-Newcastle area in New Brunswick and, if so, what grants, contributions or assistance was announced?

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** No.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT—FEMALE EMPLOYEES

Question No. 542—**Mr. Howie:**

As of the last date for which information was available, what proportion of the employees of the Department of the Environment were women?

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** There are 28.25 per cent.

[*Translation*]

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*English*]

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Mr. Speaker, I rise at this point with respect to the performance which the Parliamentary Secretary indicated yesterday was a very successful performance with regard to the answering of questions. I have put a series of questions on the Order Paper which do not require intensive investigation or research. Indeed, I have received responses from one Ministry that I recall, Revenue Canada, which is preoccupied with other things these days. That Department had the ability to respond to the question concerning names, titles, and positions of all exempt staff for the Minister. The Parliamentary Secretary will know that I have a series of questions on the Order Paper relating to each Ministry of the Crown.

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First, I am anxious to find out about the staff each Minister has. It is important for us to know this to make sure Ministers are attending to their duties. Second, I want to find out in each of those instances whether they receive any income, financial assistance, or benefit other than the designated money available for payment of exempt staff. These are important matters in terms of the Cabinet of the country and they should be answered immediately.

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Would the Parliamentary Secretary give me some indication of how soon we might expect answers to these very important questions? There have been abuses with respect to Crown corporations such as Petro-Canada giving exempt staff of the Minister of Energy interest-free loans with respect to residences. I just want to ensure that there is a clean ship as far as the Government is concerned.

**Mr. Evans:** Mr. Speaker, I will certainly look into those questions. We will have an answer for the Hon. member as soon as humanly possible. However, I would like to add that I have not heard of any cases where the privileges of exempt staff of Ministers were abused. I think the case mentioned by the Hon. Member was in fact an example of executive interchange, if I am not mistaken.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Nonsense.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*Translation*]

## CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE ACT

## MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

The House resumed from Friday, March 9, consideration of the motion of Mr. Kaplan that Bill C-9, an Act to establish the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, to enact an Act respecting enforcement in relation to certain security and related offences and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof or in relation thereto, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Mr. Pierre Deniger (La Prairie):** Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to defend Bill C-9, which is aimed at establishing the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. My views are based on evidence collected over the last fifteen years. On the basis of this evidence, I believe that it is absolutely necessary to create a civilian security and control system. Two Commis-