

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): In so far as the Canadian Wheat Board is concerned:

3. In cases where malting barley was sold by the Canadian Wheat Board for a higher amount than feed barley, the additional money received went into the CWB pool accounts and was distributed to producers as part of the final payment.

EXPENSES PAID TO THE HON. MEMBER FOR
SASKATOON-HUMBOLDT

Question No. 2,027—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the total of all expenses paid by the Department of Supply and Services and any other branch of the government, directly or indirectly, for the honourable Member for Saskatoon—Humboldt while (a) Minister of Manpower and Immigration (b) Minister of Justice (c) Minister of Transportation?

2. What is the total of all expenses paid for the Minister while serving in the three portfolios?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See Public Accounts of Canada (Volume II, Sections 35 and 36).

EXPENSES PAID TO HON. MEMBER FOR BURIN-BURGEON

Question No. 2,028—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the total of all expenses paid by the Department of Supply and Services and any other branch of the government, directly or indirectly, for the honourable Member for Burin—Burgeon while (a) Minister of Transport (b) Minister of Regional Economic Expansion (c) Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (d) Secretary of State for External Affairs?

2. What is the total of all expenses paid for the Minister while serving in the four portfolios?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See reply to Question No. 2,027 answered this day.

EXPENSES PAID TO HON. MEMBER FOR DOLLARD

Question No. 2,029—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the total of all expenses paid by the Department of Supply and Services or any other branch of the government, directly or indirectly, for the honourable Member of Dollard while (a) Solicitor General of Canada (b) Minister of Supply and Services?

2. What is the total of all expenses paid for the Minister while serving in the two portfolios?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See reply to Question No. 2,027 answered this day.

POSTAL DEFICITS

Question No. 2,032—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Has the Postmaster General in the US reported that postal revenues have exceeded expenditures in each of the last two quarters?

2. Is it intended to work toward elimination of the government subsidy for postal service in Canada and, if so, by what date is it estimated that revenues will equal expenditures in the Canadian postal system?

[Mr. Malone.]

3. What has been the amount of the loss in the postal system in each of the past ten years?

4. What is the estimated amount of the loss in the current fiscal year and in the next fiscal year?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Postmaster General): 1. Yes.

2. The objective for the Post Office as published in the main estimates is to provide postal service without incurring subsidization from general taxation. Although this has not been achieved for a number of years, it continues to represent a long term objective. No date can be forecast for an equalization of postal revenues and expenditures.

3.

	Deficit \$000's
1966-67	47,764
1967-68	67,191
1968-69	88,187
1969-70	52,948
1970-71	100,592
1971-72	76,993
1972-73	90,897
1973-74	177,172
1974-75	320,939
1975-76	546,202

1976-77	671,582
1977-78	567,622

4. The Blue Book of estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1978 forecast deficits as follows: 1976-77, 671,582; 1977-78, 567,622.

STUDIES RELATING TO CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Question No. 2,044—**Mr. Howie:**

Have there been studies relating to the upward adjustment of real property where V-day coincided with a demonstrable period of abnormally depressed values in the region?

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): It would be extremely difficult to adjust the 1971 values of certain properties to what may be considered by some to be more realistic levels. Any modification to 1971 values would require careful consideration to ensure that all taxpayers are treated similarly. Readjusting valuation day values for one particular type of property would create a dangerous precedent and perhaps a bias by treating such property more favourably than others. Such a change might not be acceptable to a majority of Canadians.

STUDIES RELATING TO CAPITAL GAINS TAX

Question No. 2,045—**Mr. Howie:**

Have financial studies been done concerning deferral of capital gains on transfer or inheritance of assets of family farm incorporations or partnerships?

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Less than 2 percent of all farms in Canada are held in corporate form. Therefore incorporated farms are a small part of the total family farm picture. In terms of policy, there