

## Order Paper Questions

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,880 and 4,955.

[Text]

## EMPLOYER PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

Question No. 4,880—**Mr. Gauthier:**

1. What is the method of determining employer pension plan contributions for employees of Departments?
2. What is the method of determining employer pension plan contributions for employees of Crown corporations who are covered by the Public Service Superannuation Account (PSSA)?
3. What was the estimated percentage of payroll employer pension plan contributions made by (a) Departments (b) Crown corporations who are covered by the PSSA for the fiscal year 1982-83 and each of the preceding five fiscal years?
4. What is the estimated additional amount in employer pension plan contributions that PSSA Crown corporations would have been required to make in the fiscal year 1982-83 and each of the preceding five fiscal years if their pension plan contributions had been determined in the same manner as those of Departments?

**Mr. Peter Lang (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board):** 1. Under the legislation governing the Public Service Pension Plan, the Government as an employer, each year:

- (a) Matches the departmental employee contributions made to the Public Service Superannuation Account in the previous year,
- (b) Matches the departmental employee contributions to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Account in the current year,
- (c) Pays the net cost of amortizing the actuarial credits (e.g. for annual salary increases) made to the Public Service Superannuation Account,
- (d) Pays the cost of any indexing payments made to retired employees in excess of pensioner credits to the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Account.

The Total of the costs is divided by the total of the salaries and wages of departments to determine a uniform percentage of payroll that each department pays as pension contributions in respect of its employees.

2. Public Service Corporations match the current contributions paid by their employees to the Public Service Superannuation Account and the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Account.

3.	(a) Departments Per cent	(b) Public Service Corporation Per cent
1982-83	13.3	6.4
1981-82	14.3	6.4
1980-81	11.4	6.4
1979-80	10.6	6.4
1978-79	11.4	6.4
1977-78	10.6	6.4

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1982-83	\$ 96
1981-82	84
1980-81	24
1979-80	17
1978-79	19
1977-78	18

## MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Question No. 4,955—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Is there a Machinery and Equipment Advisory Board and, if so (a) who are the members (b) what is the (i) background or expertise (ii) term of appointment of each member (c) what remuneration, such as salary or travel expenses, do the members receive and, for the length of each appointment to date, what amount did each member receive (d) what other funding, if any, is provided by the Government?
2. (a) What are the terms of reference of the Board (b) what matters did it consider in the fiscal year 1982-83 (c) how often did it meet and how often is it required to meet (d) what reports and/or recommendations did the Board publish in the fiscal year 1982-83?

**Mr. Peter Lang (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board):** In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

1. Yes.

(a) The Machinery and Equipment Advisory Board is comprised of a Chairman and the Deputy Ministers of Industry, Trade and Commerce/Regional Economic Expansion, Finance and National Revenue. Deputy Ministers are represented at these meetings by officials from their respective departments.

(b) (i) The members of the Board or the officials who represent their Deputy Ministers at Board meetings are required to have a broad understanding of their representative department's responsibilities in terms of commercial policy, tariff administration and knowledge of the machinery sector of the Canadian Economy.

(ii) Deputy Ministers are ex officio members of the Board.

(c) Neither the Chairman, the members of the Board nor officials who replace Board members receive any remuneration for exercising their responsibilities to the Board.

(d) The Machinery and Equipment Advisory Board's administrative requirements are provided by indeterminate employees of Industry, Trade and Commerce using existing accommodation and resources.

2. (a) The Board was established on the recommendation of the Minister of Industry, pursuant to section 15 of the Department of Industry Act (P.C. 1967-2301). The terms of reference of the Board are to consider applications for remission of duty on goods classifiable under Tariff Item 42700-1 and to advise the Minister of Industry which goods, in the judgment of the Board, are eligible for remission.

(b) See 2 (a) above.

(c) The Board generally meets weekly, although there are no specific requirements on how often it must meet.