

*Routine Proceedings*

ADVICE BY THE MILITARY TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE POSSIBILITY OF ARMED CONFLICT IN THE PERSIAN GULF

Question No. 368—**Mr. Duhamel:**

1. Was the government advised by the military and or other advisors on the probability of armed conflict in the Persian Gulf crisis, prior to Canadian troops being sent and if so, (a) what did they indicate on this probability (b) what did the briefings indicate might be the possible loss of life?

2. Have these estimates changed subsequent to the initial briefings?

**Hon. William Hunter McKnight (Minister of National Defence):** The information requested is considered a Privy Council confidence and therefore cannot be released or provided under the terms of the Access to Information Act.

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[English]

#### QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 341 could be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 341 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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#### STARRED QUESTIONS

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, would you call Starred Questions Nos. 353 and 354?

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Starred Questions Nos. 353 and 354.

**Mr. Cooper:** Mr. Speaker, I ask that these two answers be printed in *Hansard*, as if read.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is that agreed?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[Text]

#### SECTION 26 OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

\*Question No. 353—**Ms. Langan (Mission—Coquitlam):**

Have any Canadians applied for and been denied training under Section 26 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, and if so, how many (a) in each province of Canada (b) in each month of 1990?

**Hon. Barbara Jean McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Employment and Immigration Canada does not keep records of the number of Canadians who have applied for and been denied training under Section 26 of the Unemployment Insurance Act. The department only keeps information on the number of Canadians who have received training under Section 26.

#### REVENUES RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF BILL C-21

\*Question No. 354—**Ms. Langan (Mission—Coquitlam):**

Since January 1, 1990, has the government received any revenues under the provisions of Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Employment and Immigration Department and Commission Act. (The Minister of Employment and Immigration) and if so, how much was received, (a) in total (b) for each month of 1990?

**Hon. Barbara Jean McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** For 1990, employers were encouraged to remit U.I. premiums on a voluntary basis at the rate of \$2.25 per \$100 of insurable earnings as proposed in Bill C-21, instead of remitting at the rate of \$1.95 under the unamended legislation, in order to avoid the hardship associated with lump sum retroactive payments to be made by employers and employees after Bill C-21 is passed.

a) and b) Accurate data with respect to incremental premiums remitted voluntarily will not be available until employers complete their T4 summaries during 1991.

[English]

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

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.