

Questions

Note:

All amounts have been rounded to the nearest hundred dollars.

Cost of operation in each case includes standard object expenditures such as salaries, travel expenses, telephone, supplies and equipment; cost of employee benefits; also cost of accommodation and financial services provided by other government departments.

Excise duty revenue at Hull and Walkerville is collected and controlled by excise duty surveys which are separate from the customs ports.

* GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

Question No. 2,755—Mr. Herridge:

1. What was the total of the gross national product for Canada in 1966?
2. What increase would be required in the personal, corporation and sales taxes to provide 1 per cent of the gross national product?
3. What increase would be required in the personal, corporation and sales taxes to provide 2 per cent of the gross national product?
4. What increase would be required in the personal, corporation and sales taxes to provide 3 per cent of the gross national product?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Member of the Administration): Mr. Speaker, the answer to part 1 is \$57.8 billion.

The answer to parts 2, 3 and 4 is that it is difficult to relate increases in personal, corporation and sales taxes to percentages of the gross national product by reason of the fact that tax increases themselves have an influence upon the levels of the G.N.P. and thus upon revenues. However, \$578 million is 8.5 per cent of the aggregate of the federal revenues, including old age security tax revenues, from personal income tax, corporation income tax and sales tax, twice \$578 million would be 17 per cent and three times would be 25.5 per cent.

PAYMENTS TO BILINGUALISM AND
BICULTURALISM COMMISSIONERS

Question No. 2,771—Mr. Coates:

1. What is the total amount received to date by the commissioners of the royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism, and in each case what is the breakdown of the moneys received as between honoraria and expenses?
2. How much has each commissioner received that has been classified as tax exempt?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by Prime Minister's and Privy [Mr. Benson.]

Council offices and by the Department of National Revenue as follows:

1. Since their appointment three years and nine months ago, in July 1963, the commissioners have received the following amounts:

	Honoraria	Travel and living expenses
Rév. C. Cormier	\$26,600.00	\$10,922.01
A. D. Dunton	44,800.00	4,150.70
R. Frith	40,300.00	11,011.51
J.-L. Gagnon	65,650.00	14,175.10
G. Laing	33,350.00	21,117.92
P. Lacoste	14,450.00	575.30
A. Laurendeau	74,100.00	13,903.40
J. Marchand	14,450.00	5,215.03
J. Rudnyckyj	31,800.00	15,099.87
F. R. Scott	32,850.00	7,206.99
P. Wyczynski	32,700.00	3,884.21

2. The amounts designated as travel and living expenses in part 1 are considered to be exempt from tax under the Income Tax Act.

RANDOM HOUSE (CANADA)

Question No. 2,809—Mr. Barnett:

1. To the knowledge of the government, is Random House (Canada) a subsidiary of Random House (U.S.A.)?
2. Is Random House (Canada) able to import for distribution in Canada books published in the U.S.A. without payment of tariffs or other taxes?
3. If so, what classes or kinds of books are importable without payment of tariffs or other taxes?
4. If not, what rates of tariffs or other taxes are collected on imported books?
5. Is there a price differential on books published in the U.S.A. when sold at the retail level between Random House (Canada) and Random House (U.S.A.)?
6. If so, are prices higher or lower in Canada than in the U.S.A.?
7. What, in absolute or in percentage terms, is the average difference in price levels?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Department of National Revenue as follows: 1. Information not available.

2. The Customs Tariff Act provides for the duty free entry of certain books. Any importer, including Random House of Canada Limited, is entitled to the duty free provisions.

3. The following books are entitled to entry at customs free of duty and sales tax exempt: Books in the curriculum of a Canadian university, college or school for use as text books