

3. What were the total expenses for the Prime Minister's Office in 1962 (a) his official expenses (b) his staff expenses?

Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister):

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	1970-71	1967-68	1962-63
(a) Prime Minister's expenses	\$ 71,963	\$ 64,808	\$ 49,496
(b) Prime Minister's staff expenses	\$866,239	\$293,531	\$181,550

NOTE: (i) Fiscal years are used instead of calendar years. (ii) Answer under 3(b) does not include officers seconded from other government departments. Answers under 1(b) 2(b) and 3(b) do not include personnel under contract. (iii) Expenses shown under 3(b) do not include travel expenses for which records are not available.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

*SALES OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS IN CANADA

Question No. 1,570—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

From April 1, 1970 to March 31, 1971 (a) what was the value of sales of textile products in Canada (b) what was the total value in Canadian dollars of imported textile products (c) from what countries were the products imported?

Return tabled.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O.26

GRAIN

WITHHOLDING BY GOVERNMENT OF PAYMENTS UNDER TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, this is a proposed motion to adjourn under Standing Order 26. Pursuant to Standing Order 26 I ask leave to adjourn the House to discuss a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration. In view of the fact that the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) set out the details in his motion today under Standing Order 43, it is not necessary for me to go into the details in reference to my motion. I merely say that we have never had an opportunity to discuss this matter. Therefore I move, seconded by the hon. member for Vegreville:

That this House adjourn to discuss the violation of Section 3, Temporary Wheat Reserves Act, Chapter 2, Statutes of Canada, by the Minister of Finance in his failure to pay out of the consolidated revenue fund to the Canadian Wheat Board as requested by invoice by the said board in accordance with the law amounts payable for crop year 1970-71 and monthly payments to date for crop year 1971-72 which adds to the Canadian farmer pool account with the said board.

Mr. Speaker: As required by the terms of Standing Order 26 the hon. member for Calgary North filed with the Chair the required notice. Since then the Chair has

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given careful and serious consideration to all aspects of the matter raised in the proposed motion.

Hon. members know that two similar motions have already been proposed for the consideration of the Chair and in each instance I had considerable difficulty in reaching a decision; again I have had some trouble in determining whether the motion proposed by the hon. member for Calgary North should be allowed. I want to take into consideration that if Standing Order 26 has a purpose it is for the Chair from time to time to give hon. members an opportunity to discuss a matter which is of urgent importance and is of obvious interest not only to the members themselves but to the people they represent.

The difficulty I have had with the previous motions and, I must say, with the one now put forward by the hon. member, is that it is, as I have said in the instance of the motion proposed by the hon. member for Regina East and the motion sponsored by the hon. member for Vegreville, essentially a censure motion, and the practice is well established that a censure motion should not be introduced in the House under the terms of Standing Order 26 or, alternatively, in the form of a substantive motion or non-confidence motion. I have said, in conformity with previous rulings, that a non-confidence motion should not be brought for the consideration of the House under the terms of Standing Order 26. That is why I would find it very difficult, in view of my previous rulings, to reverse these rulings and to say that at this point an opportunity should be given to the House to discuss the matter.

I suggest respectfully to the hon. member for Calgary North and to the hon. members who have shown a continuing interest in this very important matter that if the suggestion were made to the Chair that we consider at this time or later—I am not sure whether I should put any ideas into the minds of hon. members—the plight which might result from the fact that certain actions are not taken either by the government or by the Wheat Board, then that might be an entirely different situation. I would no longer be faced with the question whether a motion of censure has been proposed to the House under Standing Order 26 which, even if it were proposed every day, I would have to turn down daily.

• (2:20 p.m.)

I do suggest therefore that the motion proposed in those terms, now before me and which was before me when the matter was suggested previously for consideration by the other hon. members, is not acceptable. Having said that, I think I must reach the conclusion that I cannot, at this time at least, accept the motion proposed by the hon. member for Calgary North.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, may I rise on a point of order. In view of your judgment to which I listened very carefully I would now like to give verbal notice that I will endeavour to take a second strike at the ball tomorrow.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, may I ask that Notices