

## GOODS TRADED IN METRIC OR IMPERIAL UNITS

Question No. 2,444—**Mr. Flis:**

What is the number of countries that have their companies manufacture products for export in (a) "metric" (b) "imperial"?

**Mr. David Berger (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Restrictions as to whether goods traded are in metric or imperial units are imposed by the importing not the exporting country. Currently, there are 154 United Nations countries of which 152 are metric or are converting to metric usage.

## PROTESTS CONCERNING ORDER IN COUNCIL

Question No. 2,445—**Mr. Domm:**

1. Did the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General receive over 5,000 individual letters of protest from citizens objecting to the Order in Council gazetted on February 28, 1981 that makes Canadian units of measure illegal in the retail trade of a commodity and, if not, how many did he receive?

2. Did the Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism) receive letters of protest from citizens objecting to the Order in Council gazetted on February 28, 1981 that makes Canadian units of measure illegal in the retail trade of a commodity and, if so, how many?

3. Did the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce receive letters of protest from citizens objecting to the Order in Council gazetted on February 28, 1981 that makes Canadian units of measure illegal in the retail trade of a commodity and, if so, how many?

4. Was the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General or the Minister of State (Small Business and Tourism) or the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce advised that the retail food industry members of the Working Group on Scale Conversion wished to recommend strongly to the Government that the scheduling of retail food scale conversion to metric units in Canada, which appeared in the *Canada Gazette* Part I of February 28, 1981, be delayed so that conversion would take place at a time close to when retail food scales will be converted in the United States?

**Mr. David Berger (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

1. No, from February 24, 1981 to May 12, 1981, the Minister of CCAC received a total of 1,845 letters on the subject of metric conversion.

2. See below reply from Metric Commission Canada.

3. See below reply from Metric Commission Canada.

4. Yes.

Metric Commission Canada

1. See above reply from Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada.

2. Yes, 79 letters of protest and 892 machine-printed post cards.

## Order Paper Questions

3. Yes, 6 letters of protest and 984 machine-printed post cards.

4. Yes.

## DSS—LOCATION OF FEDERAL SERVICE BUREAUX

Question No. 2,542—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. At what locations are the federal service bureaux set up by the Department of Supply and Services and, in each case, on what date was the bureau opened?

2. Is a bureau planned for the Province of Ontario and, if not, for what reason?

3. Did the Minister of Supply and Services make a statement on May 25, 1981 to the effect that the only step being taken in Ontario was the establishment of a partial facility in Toronto rather than a full facility at a future date?

4. Is the Province of Ontario, with the largest population of any of the provinces, being treated in a lesser fashion than other areas of the country and, if so, for what reason?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):** On the date this question was asked, a significant answer was not available. This information has now been compiled as of December 15, 1981.

## 1. Canada Service Bureau Openings

## Operational on:

Edmonton	December 9, 1980
Vancouver	March 9, 1981
Halifax	April 1, 1981
Québec	May 7, 1981
Montréal	June 22, 1981
Winnipeg	July 27, 1981
Regina	May 1, 1981
Calgary	August 15, 1981
Charlottetown	August 6, 1981
Victoria	September 1, 1981
Saskatoon	August 10, 1981
Toronto	September 10, 1981
Moncton	July 29, 1981
St. John's	August 14, 1981

## Itinerant Services

## Operating from:

## Operational on:

Kelowna	September 28, 1981
Gimli	August 17, 1981
North Bay	August 24, 1981
Sherbrooke	July 29, 1981
Matane	August 11, 1981
Bathurst	September 28, 1981
Sydney	July 6, 1981
Windsor	August 24, 1981

2. Yes, see 1 above.

3. The Service Bureau project is to some extent experimental in that through it the government is going to measure the need for this type of service as well as the best methods of providing it. To meet this objective the Task Force on Service to the Public has 14 offices in major cities across Canada, plus mobile services covering an additional 75 communities. The Service Bureaux are therefore both providing a service to Canadian citizens on a broad scale and providing the knowledge needed to evaluate success in meeting this particular demand. In Ontario, there is a Service Bureau at 50 Bloor St., West in the shopping concourse and a mobile service covering