

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Madam Speaker, I understand that the Committee on National Resources and Public Works is to sit twice today. Perhaps we will be in a better position next Thursday to answer more specifically the question raised by the member. However, may I remind him that the bill has been before the said committee for over four months. Under the circumstances, I find it is difficult, in the light of what happened during the past four months, knowing that some intensive proceedings are now taking place in committee which by the way will be sitting twice today, to answer the member more specifically at this time. Perhaps on Thursday, when the usual questions are asked about the business of the House, I will be in a position to give a more detailed answer.

● (1510)

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,418, 1,711, 2,323, 2,360 and 2,377.

[Text]

GOVERNMENT LOANS TO TANZANIA

Question No. 1,418—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

Has the government made any loans to Tanzania and, if so (a) in what amount (b) what are the repayment terms (c) has Tanzania defaulted on any payments?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):

(a) \$ 7,251,681	\$ 286,482	\$2,000,000
31,383,904	1,954,501	1,065,214
424,375	2,000,000	1,879,172
1,041,133	4,798,058	1,974,431
1,322,673	14,609,364	

(b) The terms of all loans were made at 0 per cent interest, ten years grace and 50 years maturity.

(c) All loans were forgiven.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPETITIONS

Question No. 1,711—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. For each year 1975 to 1979, how many employment competitions were announced or publicized in the public service?

2. How many competitions were (a) universally open to the public (b) open only to public servants employed in the public service?

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3. How many (a) positions were successfully filled after boards were convened (b) applicants were found to be unqualified (c) competitions were opened to the general public when a suitable candidate was not found internally in the closed competitions?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows:

1. The Public Service Commission does not maintain records on the number of employment competitions that are announced or publicized in the public service. However, the Public Service Commission does maintain, and publishes, the number of appointments from inside and to the public service in its annual reports.

There are a number of reasons why the commission does not have records on the number of competitions. First, the commission's primary responsibility is related to appointments and its information systems are oriented to reporting on this area. Second, one competitive process can result in no appointment being made if no candidate is found qualified in a given area of competition or a number of appointments can result from one competition process. Consequently there is not a direct relationship between the number of employment competitions and the number of appointments. Third, processes other than competitions—applicant inventories, in-service inventories, and without competition processes—are often used to make appointments to and within the public service. Finally, because of the extensive delegation of appointment authority to deputy heads, a listing of employment competitions would entail a lengthy and costly examination of the personnel records of both the headquarters and the regional offices of every department and agency. The cost in manpower and time to carry out such a task would be prohibitive.

2. (a) The number of appointments from outside of the public service for the years 1975 to 1979 are as follows:

1975	36,251
1976	29,730
1977	22,437
1978	19,225
1979	15,293

(b) The number of appointments from within the public service by competition for the years 1975 to 1979 are as follows:

1975 Figures are not available since they were not broken down by process, but there were 90,920 appointments from within the public service by all processes.

1976	40,780
1977	43,396
1978	46,431
1979	42,954

3. Because of the reasons outlined in the response to question 1, these figures are not available.