

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): In so far as the Canadian Wheat Board is concerned: The funds contributed to the Western Grain Stabilization Plan are deposited in the Consolidated Revenue Fund to the credit of the Western Grain Stabilization Account in accordance with the Western Grain Stabilization Act. The act only provides authority for the deposit of funds into the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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[English]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 952, 1,019, 1,312, 2,037 and 2,429 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately. In each case the reason for desiring to answer the questions in this fashion is the lengthy nature of each answer.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS**Question No. 952—Mr. Howie:**

Were outside consultants employed by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs between January 1, 1975 and November 1, 1976 and, if so (a) how many (b) who were the firms or persons (c) what amount was paid to each (d) for what purpose (e) in each case, is the report available to the public and, if not, will it be published?

Return tabled.

CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION—PROPOSED PASSENGER RAIL PROGRAMMES**Question No. 1,019—Mr. Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):**

1. What amount has been spent to date on analyses, studies and surveys conducted by the Canadian Transport Commission into the proposed passenger rail programmes?

2. Have any professional contracts been let for studies, analyses and/or surveys into the proposed passenger rail programme and, if so (a) how much was committed on each contract (b) to whom?

3. Has the Canadian Transport Commission accepted the proposal in the Sim's Report (presented to DOT task force, 1975) for one line of passenger rail service across the country, with feeder services from it and, if so, what cities, presently serviced by CN or CP, will no longer be serviced by the proposed lines?

4. Has the feasibility of consolidating the 1000 mile crossing of Northern Ontario, resulting in one rail line east of Winnipeg, been studied?

5. Have rail services for (a) short to medium distance rail services between major cities (b) commuting trips in and about major cities (c) long-distance trips across the breadth of the country, been upgraded since the Minister of Transport's policy statement on January 29, 1976?

6. Are any rail services for (a) short to medium distances between major cities (b) commuting trips in and about major cities (c) long distance trips across the breadth of the country presently subsidized and, if so, at what cost to the taxpayer?

7. In view of the situation in British Columbia, where Northland Navigation Co. was left uncertain as to whether or not its federal subsidy of \$3.7 million

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would be continued, has the government considered the formulation of a policy which can be applied uniformly across Canada?

8. Are any transportation facilities, within Quebec, whose routes are from one point within the Province to another point within the Province, subsidized and, if so (a) which ones (b) what are the names of the companies (c) what is the cost to the taxpayer of the amounts subsidized?

9. Are any ferry services, presently operating within the Province of (a) Ontario (b) British Columbia, subsidized by the government and, if so (i) what are the names of the companies (ii) what is the cost to the taxpayer of each of the amounts subsidized?

Return tabled.

MURDERS IN FEDERAL PENITENTIARIES**Question No. 1,312—Mr. Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):**

1. How many murders have taken place in federal penitentiaries during the past ten years?

2. In each case (a) what was the (i) name of the murderer (ii) name of the victim (iii) date (iv) penitentiary (v) circumstance (b) how was each case dealt with (c) what action has been taken to avoid similar incidents?

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NOISE POLLUTION STUDIES**Question No. 2,037—Mr. Howie:**

1. Have any studies been done or authorized since January 1, 1975, by outside consultants, on noise pollution?

2. Are any departmental studies presently underway on noise pollution?

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NAMES OF CROWN CORPORATIONS**Question No. 2,429—Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):**

What are the names of all the Crown corporations?

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[English]

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, on January 24 I placed starred question No. 1493 on the Order Paper. It was a very simple question as to whether the government had purchased a Gulfstream 2 executive jet. This is the third time I have raised this matter. Starred questions are supposed to be answered within a reasonable length of time. It is absolutely ridiculous that the government cannot find out whether it purchased a Gulfstream 2, and I think the parliamentary secretary should give me an answer today as to why the government is deliberately delaying answering this starred question.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I will certainly check into why that question has not been answered. I can also tell the hon. member that such an aircraft, which is for calibration testing of flight equipment, was purchased. I think that was revealed in the committee some time ago.

Mr. McKenzie: That still does not answer my question.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.