

*Routine Proceedings*

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 4 hours

Approximate cost: \$72.

I am informed by the Department of National Revenue as follows:

Goods and Services Tax (GST) Credits are determined each year based on family status and income. Individuals may apply for GST Credit benefits on behalf of themselves, their spouses and their children. As a result, there is a maximum GST Credit which differs for each possible family make-up. For example, the maximum GST Credit based on 1990 GST Credit application forms for a single person with no children is \$290, for a single person with one child is \$480, for a spouse claiming on behalf of a family with two children is \$580 and so on, adding \$100 for each additional eligible child.

Revenue Canada, Taxation does not maintain statistics on the number of individuals who received the maximum GST Credits for their particular family make-ups nor does the Department track the number of individuals who had their full GST Credit applied against outstanding tax arrears. To date, approximately 4 per cent of the total value of GST Credit benefits have been applied to outstanding tax liabilities or withheld pursuant to court orders under the Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act.

**Question No. 79—Miss Campbell (South West Nova):**

With respect to the recent three year joint marketing accord signed between Tourism Canada and the Saga Group Ltd., (a) how many similar joint agreements were signed during the fiscal year 1990-91 (b) how much money has been devoted to the distribution of promotional material?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 21 hours and 50 minutes

Approximate cost: \$394.

I am informed by the Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism) as follows:

a) Nil

b) A total of \$412,000 was devoted to the distribution of promotional material in 1990/91.

**Question No. 83—Mr. MacAulay:**

With respect to the Atlantic Fisheries Adjustment Package (AFAP), will the government provide assistance to fishermen in need of assistance to remain in the groundfish fishing industry and, if so, (a) what is the total dollar amount allocated and/or spent for (i) each Atlantic province (ii) Quebec (b) how many people in (i) each Atlantic province (ii) Quebec have received or will receive assistance?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 7 hours

Approximate cost: \$126.

I am informed by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as follows:

There are components of the Atlantic Fisheries Adjustment Program (AFAP) which will assist fishermen to diversify their operations and/or improve the economic viability of their fishing enterprise.

(a) (i) & (ii) Allocations of funds are not made on a provincial basis. Fishermen can submit proposals for funding to Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to undertake a particular project which will benefit their fishing operations. However, the Program is not meant to subsidize their fishing activity but rather to complement their present activity for greater viability.

(b) (i) & (ii) To date about forty (40) fishermen and fishermen groups have received funding. Indirectly, funds provided to processors have also benefitted fishermen by opening new markets for underutilized species. The number of fishermen receiving funds under AFAP depends on the number of proposals received and the amount of funding available over the five year program to fund those proposals.

**Question No. 86—Mr. Milliken:**

1. With respect to commissions paid to private real estate agents by the Department of National Defence, (a) is there an established commission rate and, if so, what is it (b) are there any regional variations and, if so, what are they (c) during 1990, what was the rate amount paid per base, for the sale or purchase of residences belonging to military personnel in Canada?

2. With respect to Canadian Forces Base Kingston, what are the names of the real estate agents who received commissions and how much did each agent receive?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 18 hours and 10 minutes.