

Routine Proceedings

VIA RAIL STATISTICS

Question No. 212—**Ms. Black:**

For the last year for which Statistics Canada has figures, for the (a) Atlantic (b) Quebec (c) Ontario (d) British Columbia region, what proportions of male and female passengers were carried by VIA Rail?

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Industry, Science and Technology): Statistics Canada reports:

Statistics Canada Collects data only on the total number of passengers carried by VIA Rail and since these data are based on tickets sold, they do not distinguish between male and female passengers. No breakdown is available by province.

Latest figures available are as follows:

	<u>CANADA</u> (,000)
1988	6,268
To November 1989 (cumulative)	5,447

SOURCE: Statistics Canada, Catalogue number 52-003.

SALES TAX INVENTORY REBATES

Question No. 219—**Mr. Bird:**

Under the new Goods and Services Tax, will Canadian businesses receive a refund for taxes that they have paid on existing stocks and inventories as of January 1, 1991, and if so in what way (a) are the inventories to be evaluated (b) will tax refunds be calculated?

Hon. Otto John Jelinek (Minister of National Revenue): Yes, under the new Goods and Services Tax (GST), eligible Canadian businesses will receive a rebate of the federal sales tax paid on goods for sale, lease or rental in inventory on GST implementation day.

(a) The method used to evaluate the inventory will be the same as the method adopted for income tax and financial statement presentation purposes. Rebates in respect of gasoline and diesel fuels will be a specific amount per litre, based on the per litre FST rate on these items on December 31, 1990.

(b) The calculation of inventory rebates will be based on prescribed rebate factors in all cases. There will be separate rebate factors for gasoline, diesel fuel, motor vehicles, construction materials/equipment for buildings, and for other taxable goods. The gasoline and diesel fuel rebate factors will be applied to the volume of the inventory, that is the number of litres of product. All other rebate factors will be applied to the tax-paid inventory value of goods for sale, lease or rental.

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN FUNDING

Question No. 223—**Mr. Gardiner:**

Have any organizations or government departments in the riding of Prince George—Bulkley Valley received Canada Assistance Plan funding and, if so (a) what are their (i) names (ii) addresses (b) in each case, what dollar amounts have they received?

Hon. Henry Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Canada Assistance Plan contributions are not paid to individual organizations or government departments in respect of individual parliamentary ridings. The Canada Assistance Plan reimburses provincial governments 50 per cent of eligible costs incurred in respect of shareable social assistance and social service programs as defined by the Act and Regulations. No funds are paid directly to individual organizations or departments.

[English]

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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[Translation]

POINT OF ORDER

S. O. 52—SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: On Tuesday, January 23, 1990, the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier rose on a point of order to express concerns about the operation of certain aspects of Standing Order 52, which is, of course, the Standing Order pertaining to emergency debates. In the ensuing