

## Questions

## FINANCE

LOAN PROGRAM TO CREATE JOBS—TABLING OF  
INFORMATION ON METHOD OF CALCULATING  
PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, on October 28 the hon. member for York South (Mr. Lewis) asked a question of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) regarding the method of calculating provincial allocation of the \$160 million employment loan fund. I would like to table copies of statements in English and French setting forth the basis.

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

## BAY OF FUNDY—ATLANTIC TIDAL POWER

Question No. 1,640—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Have any meetings been held since July 1, 1971, between the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, or any of his officials, and the Premiers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, or their representatives, with regard to the terms of reference covering the re-examination of the 1969 Fundy Tidal Programming Board Report and, if so (a) on what dates were such meetings held (b) who attended the meetings?

2. Have satisfactory terms of reference been agreed to by the three governments involved and, if so (a) on what date were they finalized (b) what are the terms of reference?

3. (a) What are the names of the individuals who will carry out the re-examination (b) what are their respective positions (c) were they involved in the original examination?

4. If satisfactory terms of reference have been agreed to, has work started on the re-examination and if no agreement has been reached, will a meeting be held by the parties involved to discuss the matter and, if so, on what date?

**Mr. Allen B. Sulatycky (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** 1. There have been no meetings between the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources or any federal officials and Premiers or officials of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia to discuss terms of reference pertaining to a proposed review of the 1969 Atlantic Tidal Power Programming Board Report.

2 and 3. No agreement has yet been reached on the terms of reference for a Review Board. Draft terms of reference were proposed by the federal government on April 7, 1971. The Premiers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have recently written to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources outlining specific proposals for setting up of a tidal power Board of Review including suggestions relating to membership; the full membership has however not as yet been selected.

4. It is anticipated that the proposed Board of Review will meet at an early date following naming of its membership.

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—ECONOMIC FORECASTING

Question No. 1,664—**Mr. Saltzman:**

1. How many professional economists, who are public servants, are currently engaged in economic forecasting in the Department of Finance?

[Mr. Speaker.]

2. What are their classification levels and salary ranges?

3. How many consultants and others engaged under contract were retained by the Department of Finance for economic forecasting in the fiscal year 1970-71?

4. What were the names of such consultants and how much were they paid in the fiscal year 1970-71?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the purposes of this question economic forecasting may be defined as the projection of the aggregate condition of the economy. In the Department of Finance the Economic Analysis Division has prime responsibility for this function and 16 officers devote at least some portion of their time to this activity. Of this group, six public servants are currently engaged full-time in the activity at the following levels and salary ranges, and no consultants or contract personnel were retained for this purpose in the fiscal year 1970-71.

Classification	Number	Salary Range
Economist-Statistician 1	4	\$ 6,960-\$14,192
Economist-Statistician 2	1	15,236- 20,557
Economist-Statistician 4	1	23,220- 25,785

## TASK FORCE REPORT ON AGRICULTURE

Question No. 1,848—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

1. For each year, 1968 to 1970 inclusive, how many farmers have migrated from the farm?

2. How many of these farmers are presently receiving (a) unemployment insurance (b) social welfare?

3. Did farmers assist in the compilation of the Task Force Report on Agriculture and, if not, for what reason?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by several departments as follows: 1. Information not available.

2. (a) and (b) Information not available.

3. Farmers and farmers' organizations were consulted on a regular basis by the Task Force members and participated in large numbers (over 50 per cent of delegates) in a Canadian Congress on Agriculture which was convened by the Task Force just before their final report was drafted.

## PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,902—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

How many people are presently employed in the Privy Council Office and how many obtained their positions following a normal public service competition for the openings available?

**Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister):** A total of 238 personnel are employed in the Privy Council Office. Appointments were made in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Employment Act. Officer appointments are made, according to merit, by the Public Service Commission through competition or other processes of selection from within the Public Service or from outside. Support staff positions are filled by the Privy Council Office under delegated staffing authority from the Public Service Commission and are subject to audit. New support staff members are recruited from outside the Public Service, on merit, through referrals by the local Canada Manpower Centres unless the Regional Office of the Public Service Commis-