

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES PUBLICITY
EXPENDITURESQuestion No. 261—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What were the amounts of money spent by the Department of Supply and Services on publicity and/or information in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date?

2. What were the names and addresses of firms and individuals who received these contracts, what amounts of money were spent in each case and what was the purpose of each contract?

3. In the case of expenditures for publicity and/or information made within the department by its publicity or information division, what was the amount in each case and the purpose of the expenditure?

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

Question No. 286—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date by the Post Office Department on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR TABELING OF NOTE TO UNITED STATES
CONTAINING PROPOSALS RESPECTING OPERATION OF
ALASKA-CHERRY POINT OIL TANKERS

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Is the minister prepared to table in the House the Canadian note delivered to the United States State Department suggesting a program of alternative options and proposals aimed at keeping oil tankers away from the coast of British Columbia and particularly out of the Strait of Juan de Fuca?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, it is my intention to table this note. However, out of courtesy to the United States government I think they should have an opportunity to study its contents before I do so. It will be my purpose to table the note in a few days time.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): In light of the fact that in reply to my question about tanker routes on February 23, 1973, the minister stated: "Whether the tankers should go to another point farther down the United States coast is a matter for the United States itself to decide", and noting that the Canadian government has now offered alternative routes to the United States for tankers unloading Alaskan oil for the refineries at Cherry Point, may I

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ask whether this recent action of the government in presenting a note to the U.S. State Department on this matter represents a change in government policy?

Mr. Sharp: No, Mr. Speaker. It will still be for the United States to decide. I have never said at any time that I would hesitate to make recommendations.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Can the minister confirm that one alternative for U.S. tankers off-loading oil for the Cherry Point refineries is the option of setting up a terminal site offshore with an undersea pipeline to the refineries?

Mr. Sharp: This has always been one possibility. When I table the note in a few days time, the hon. member and the House will be able to see the alternatives we have put forward.

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INCOME TAX

REPORT OF CORPORATE TAX MEASURES REVIEW
COMMITTEE—NAMES OF CORPORATIONS TO WHICH
QUESTIONNAIRE SENT AND THOSE THAT REPLIED

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance arising out of the report he tabled on Friday, the so-called review of the corporate tax measures. Would the minister agree to table the names of the 1,088 corporations to which the questionnaire was sent and the names of those corporations that replied? I am not asking that any of the replies be tabled, because I understand they were given in confidence. I am asking merely that Members of Parliament be given the names of the corporations that replied and the names of those to which the questionnaire was sent. Perhaps the names could be grouped in accordance with the categories set up by Statistics Canada in its census of manufacturers.

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): I see no reason why that cannot be done.

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO END PROFITEERING BY
CORPORATIONS—REVIEW OF TAX INCENTIVES

Mr. David Lewis (York South): In view of the fact that 47.2 per cent of the replies stated that the tax measures would have little or no effect on the prices of their products, and in view of a very recent report from Statistics Canada—I believe it was issued only last Saturday—that profits after taxes in 1973 increased by an astounding 42 per cent over 1972, I ask the minister whether he will present to parliament specific measures to end this profiteering at the expense of the consumer, despite the \$1.5 billion in tax concessions he made available to the manufacturers in 1973 and 1974?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): By way of preamble, Mr. Speaker, may I say the hon. gentleman's figures are not right. It is true a proportion of the replies from corporations said that in the short term the measures would not have an immediate effect on their pricing policies. That would depend, of course, on capital investment