

Order Paper Questions

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 293, 294, 448, 474, 518 and 542.

[Text]

PETRO-CANADA

Question No. 293—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):

1. With reference to the answer to question No. 4,706 of the First Session of the 32nd Parliament, in relation to Venezuelan Canadian Oils, C.A. and Venezuelan Pacific Petroleum, C.A. (a) on what date was each acquired by Petro-Canada, from whom, at what cost and for what reason (b) for what reason are the Corporations "inactive"?

2. Are G.M.I. Co. (Bahamas) Ltd., Pacific Petroleum (Overseas) Ltd., and Petro-Canada (Norway) A/S in any way associated with Petro-Canada and, if so (a) what is that relationship in each instance (b) for what reason is Petro-Canada unable to provide the information requested in question No. 4,706 (c) how can the information be obtained and on what date will that information be available?

3. In respect of Merit Oil Co. Ltd. (a) what was that Company's relationship to Petro-Canada prior to October 1, 1981 (b) what was the extent of Petro-Canada's interest in that Company prior to October 1, 1981 (c) for what reason was the relationship changed and what happened to Petro-Canada's interest in the Company (d) into what form was the Company changed and at whose instance?

4. In respect of Pacific Petroleum Inc. (a) what was that Company's relationship to Petro-Canada prior to April 8, 1982 (b) what was the extent of Petro-Canada's interest in that Company prior to April 8, 1982 (c) for what reason was the relationship changed and what happened to Petro-Canada's interest in the Company (d) into what form was the Company changed and at whose instance?

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Petro-Canada reports as follows:

1. (a) Venezuelan Canadian Oils, C.A. and Venezuelan Pacific Petroleum, C.A. were both acquired by Petro-Canada as part of its purchase of Pacific Petroleum Ltd. in April, 1979. The cost of acquiring these two subsidiaries was subsumed in the aggregate cost of acquiring Pacific Petroleum Ltd., i.e. \$1,496,389,000 and the reason was because these subsidiaries constituted parts of a larger purchase.

(b) These subsidiaries have been "inactive" since their purchase by Petro-Canada.

2. Yes. (a) G.M.I. Co. (Bahamas) Ltd. and Petro-Canada Norway A/S are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Petro-Canada Inc. which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petro-Canada. G.M.I. Co. (Bahamas) Ltd. has recently disposed of its assets and is now inactive. Petro-Canada Norway A/S is active. Pacific Petroleum (Overseas) Ltd. is a holding company acquired in the takeover by Petro-Canada of Pacific Petroleum Ltd.; it was formed to hold permits in the North Sea but has never been activated.

2. (b) and (c)

Company	Date of last Board meeting
G.M.I. Co. (Bahamas) Ltd.	February 25, 1982
Pacific Petroleum (Overseas) Ltd.	January 4, 1977
Petro-Canada Norway A/S	September 6, 1983

3. (a) and (b) Prior to October 1, 1981, Merit Oil Co. Ltd. was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petro-Canada Exploration Inc. (since renamed Petro-Canada Inc.).

(c) and (d) At the direction of Petro-Canada Exploration Inc., the assets of Merit Oil Co. Ltd. were transferred and Merit Oil Co. Ltd. was dissolved.

4. (a) and (d) Prior to April 8, 1982, Pacific Petroleum Inc. was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Petro-Canada Exploration Inc. (since renamed Petro-Canada Inc.).

(c) and (d) An offer to purchase Pacific Petroleum Inc. was received by Petro-Canada Exploration Inc. and accepted. On April 8, 1982, Pacific Petroleum Inc. was sold to Zapata Exploration Company.

BP REIDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

Question No. 294—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):

With reference to the revised answer to question No. 4,751 of the First Session of the 32nd Parliament, on the subject of the BP reidentification program (a) what amount constitutes "a standard agency commission" (b) apart from insertion and design costs, what costs were incurred in running the "series of advertisements designed to inform the public of the BP reidentification program"?

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Petro-Canada reports as follows:

(a) The requested information is proprietary to Petro-Canada.

(b) Apart from insertion costs of \$483,845.74 and production and design costs of \$25,116.96, which amounts included the standard agency commission, no other costs were incurred.

The figures provided in the revised reply to question No. 4,751 of the First Session, 32nd Parliament answered September 23, 1983 were cost estimates whereas the above-mentioned figures are actual costs.

REPLACEMENT OR ACQUISITION OF SEAGOING VESSELS

Question No. 448—Mr. Howie:

Does the Department of Fisheries and Oceans have any plans for the replacement or acquisition of new seagoing vessels in the calendar year 1984 and, if so, what are they?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): The Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) intends to continue with the orderly replacement and acquisition of new seagoing vessels in 1984. The program includes the five vessels currently under construction, two of which are expected to enter service this year. In addition in 1984 DFO intends to: (a) start the conversion of a large stern trawler into a fisheries research vessel; (b) acquire approximately 25 launches and small craft; and, (c) initiate contracts for the design of four new vessels and the mid-life refit of two vessels.