

Order Paper Questions

Treasury Board—1. Other Government Corporations (1):
Opcan (direct responsibility of Hon. Robert K. Andras).

Question No. 1,070—Mr. Andre:

How many corporations are wholly or partially, directly or indirectly, owned by the Crown for which the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs is responsible and what are their names?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): Corporations wholly or partially, directly or indirectly, owned by the Crown for which the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs is responsible: Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs—1. Other Government Corporations (1): Federal Insolvency Trustee Agency.

Question No. 1,071—Mr. Andre:

How many corporations are wholly or partially, directly or indirectly, owned by the Crown for which the Ministry of State (Small Business) is responsible and what are their names?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): Corporations wholly or partially, directly or indirectly, owned by the Crown for which the Ministry of State (Small Business) is responsible: Ministry of State (Small Business)—none. The following 2 corporations are the direct responsibility of the Prime Minister: Departmental Crown Corporations—Schedule “B”—F.A. Act (1): Economic Council of Canada. Other Entities and Associates (1): Board of Trustees of the Queen Elizabeth II Canadian Fund to Aid in the Research on the Diseases of Children.

MONEY SPENT IN SEARCH OF OIL POOLS OFF ATLANTIC COAST**Question No. 1,095—Mr. Howie:**

Of the \$35.276 million spent by Petro-Canada, from January 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977, in search of oil pools off the Atlantic Coast, how much was (a) directly spent for off-shore drilling (b) in joint-cost sharing with other exploration companies?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Petro-Canada reports as follows: (a) Of the \$35.366 million (revised from \$35.276 million as tabled in Question 525 on December 13, 1977) spent by Petro-Canada from January 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977 in search of oil pools off the Atlantic Coast, \$29.197 million was directly spent on offshore drilling. (b) \$25.775 million.

STUDY ON ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF BAY OF FUNDY TIDAL POWER**Question No. 1,097—Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1977, what amount did the government spend on studying the economic feasibility of Bay of Fundy tidal power?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: January 1, 1977—December 31, 1977; \$957,607.83. The scope of the study covered economic, technical and social considerations.

[Mr. Andras.]

DRILLINGS CARRIED OUT OFF ATLANTIC COAST IN SEARCH OF OIL POOLS**Question No. 1,098—Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1976, how many drillings have been carried out off the Atlantic Coast in search of oil pools?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Petro-Canada reports as follows: 12.

PETRO-CANADA'S FINDINGS IN EXPLORATION FOR OIL OFF ATLANTIC COAST**Question No. 1,099—Mr. Howie:**

Are the findings of Petro-Canada in its exploration for oil off the Atlantic Coast public and (a) if so, where can such information be obtained (b) if not, are such findings on file with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Petro-Canada reports as follows: No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Petro-Canada files daily drilling reports and completed reports on wells drilled in frontier areas with both the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. This information is kept confidential by the Departments for two years.

COST OF DRILLING OFFSHORE WELLS**Question No. 1,100—Mr. Howie:**

To the knowledge of the government, what is the average cost for carrying out one-test drilling from a drilling platform in search for off-shore oil?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: The cost of a single offshore well depends on a number of variables such as the depth and geographical location of the well, the associated weather conditions, and the depth of the water, as well as such economic factors as the world-wide demand for offshore drilling rigs. In Canada, offshore wells have been drilled at locations in the Beaufort Sea, which has long periods of ice cover; on the Labrador Shelf, which has deep water and the threats of icebergs; and on the Scotian Shelf, Grand Banks and West Coast offshore all of which have less severe summer conditions but which have severe winter storms. Well costs, therefore, vary significantly. However, taking the above factors into account, the following values are representative of the total cost drilling a single 10,000 foot well in the following offshore regions: Beaufort Sea, \$35—50 million; Labrador Sea, \$9 million; Grand Banks, West Coast Offshore, Scotian Shelf \$4 million. By way of comparison, a single 10,000 foot well in Alberta costs \$3/4—\$1 million. It should be added that a significant portion of the cost for a single well program is the cost of mobilizing and demobilizing the necessary equipment. This cost, which normally amounts to \$1 to \$1½ million, is included in the above figures.