

Routine Proceedings

Question No. 180—Mr. Blenkarn:

Does the government pay automobile licence fees to the provinces for federally owned vehicles of all nature operated within a province and, if so, how many dollars in licence fees does the government pay to each of the provinces in the year ending March 31, 1991?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Prior to 1991, the federal government had reached agreements with all the provinces, except for Saskatchewan and Alberta, whereby the federal governments paid an amount in lieu of the automobile licence fees to participating provinces for the federally owned vehicles operated within these provinces. The government did not pay Alberta's and Saskatchewan's licence fees. With the coming into force of the GST, new agreements were reached with all the provinces, except for Alberta, whereby the federal government pays provincial licence fees in each participating province, except Alberta, it does not pay automobile licence fees in this province. Please refer to the attached annex for the specific amounts of automobile licence fees paid to each province pursuant to these agreements, for the year ending March 31, 1991.

ANNEX

Provincial automobile licence fees paid by the government in the fiscal year 1990-91

Province	Central licence fees payment ¹	Departments licence fees payments ²	Total licence fees payments
	\$	\$	\$
Newfoundland	200,423	Not applicable	200,423
P.E.I.	28,590	1,375	29,965
Nova Scotia	223,265	7,520	230,785
New Brunswick	310,790	16,092	326,882
Québec	1,834,139	24,640	1,859,224
Ontario	1,348,139	Not applicable	1,348,139
Manitoba	139,192	20,150	159,342
British Columbia	472,454	24,522	496,976
Total	4,557,437	94,299	4,651,736

1. Payments made by the Department of Supplies and Service on behalf of the other Departments.

Question No. 181—Mr. Boudria:

With respect to Studio D of the National Film Board (a) since April 1, 1985, what is the total amount of funding for its operation (b) what is the amount of funding spent on production preparation and distribution of films in the "Women and Spirituality" category (c) what was the total amount spent on (i) production (ii) preparing (iii) other costs associated with the production of the film "The Burning Times"?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of Communications): This matter has been brought to the attention of the National Film Board (NFB). We are informed as follows:

a) total NFB allocations to Studio D from April 1, 1985 to fiscal year beginning April 1, 1991*: \$14,927,807;

b) Total cost of production, preparation and distribution of films in the "Women and Spirituality" series (Goddess Remembered, the Burning Times, and Full Circle): \$1,785,212;

c) The cost of production, preparation and distribution of the film, The Burning Times: \$578,481

* Fiscal year 1991-92 is based on initial allocation.

Question No. 184—Mr. Harvard:

Why, in calculation of total non-refundable tax credits for the 1990 tax returns (line 314 in the Guide), does the \$1000 credit exclude pension incomes paid under the Old Age Security Act or any similar provincial programs, the Canada Pension Plan, Quebec Pension Plan or Saskatchewan Pension Plan and what is the rationale for such a policy?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): The \$1,000 pension income credit was introduced as a means of protecting pensioners from the effects of inflation since few private pension plans provide more than partial inflation protection. This credit is one of several government measures designed to be of principal benefit to elderly Canadians.

All Canadian seniors are guaranteed a basic level of income through the Old Age Security (OAS) program, the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), and the Spouse's Allowance (SPA). In 1991-92, the federal government will spend about \$18.9 billion providing benefits to seniors through these programs.