

Questions

GRANT TO STANLEY GRAY

Question No. 2,163—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Has the Secretary of State received a report from the Canada Council with respect to the award of the \$5,500 scholarship to Stanley Gray?

2. Was this report submitted voluntarily or at the request of the Minister and, if so (a) when was it received, and (b) when was the request made?

3. Has the Secretary of State issued any (a) advice, or (b) instructions, to the Canada Council based on the report?

4. Does the report indicate that the award was made as (a) a form of political exile to remove Mr. Gray temporarily from the country, or (b) an attempt to reform his political views?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):

1. Yes.

2. The report was submitted voluntarily. (a) It was received on April 3, 1969; (b) Not applicable.

3. No.

4. No.

ESTATE TAX COLLECTIONS

Question No. 2,172—**Mr. Rodrigue:**

1. What was the total amount of estate tax collected by the government for the year ended March 31, 1968?

2. What amount was collected in the Province of Quebec?

3. What amount was remitted to the provinces?

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Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):

1. \$102,192,358.

2. Taxation Division of National Revenue Department estimates the amount collected in Province of Quebec to be 22 per cent of total amount collected in Canada, that is, some \$22.5 million.

3. Interim estimate (March 1969) of total estate tax payment for 1967-68 was \$53,-562,000.

4. Interim estimate (March 1969) of estate tax payment to the Province of Quebec for 1967-68 was \$12,420,000.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC RELATIONS
STAFFQuestion No. 2,194—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of External Affairs have a public relations staff and, if so, how many?

2. What is the total cost of public relations for the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

[Mr. Chrétien.]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The Department of External Affairs has no public relations staff as such. Relations with the press and public and with foreign governments, in Canada and abroad, are part of the regular duties performed by foreign service officers, administrative services officers, and information services officers. At two posts, London and Washington, the counsellor (press) and minister-counsellor (information), respectively, were appointed by Order of the Governor General-in-Council.

2. See question 1. An accurate estimate of the total cost of these activities is not possible.

*NUCLEAR POWER GENERATING PLANTS

Question No. 2,198—**Mr. Hopkins:**

1. Is Atomic Energy of Canada Limited or the responsible Minister, or any other person on behalf of Canada, seeking to make arrangements under which Canada will participate in the construction of any nuclear power generating plants in any other country and, if so, when may an announcement be expected?

2. Is heavy water used in the operation of nuclear power generating plants and, if so, will heavy water produced by Deuterium of Canada Limited be available for use in any nuclear power generating plants constructed by or with the co-operation of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited in the immediate future?

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): In so far as Atomic Energy of Canada Limited is concerned: 1. Yes, and announcements will be made as arrangements are concluded.

2. Yes. Heavy water is used in the operation of nuclear power generating plants of the CANDU types. It is not expected that any heavy water will be produced by the Deuterium of Canada Limited plant in the immediate future.

WESTERN CANADA FLOOD RELIEF

Question No. 2,214—**Mr. Southam:**

Is the government giving consideration to providing relief grants to western provinces to help alleviate recent serious flood damage?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Yes.