

Order Paper Questions

POPULATION OF CANADA

Question No. 408—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

What was the total population of Canada on March 31, 1979 and (a) how many were (i) female (ii) male (b) how many (i) female (ii) male persons were there between the ages of 60 to 65 years?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (President of Treasury Board): (a) According to Statistics Canada's most recent preliminary post-censal estimates, the size of the total population of Canada as of April 1, 1979, was 23,644,800. As for population estimates by age, the most recent estimates available are those for June 1, 1978:

(a)	Total Population:	23,482,600
	(i) Total females (all ages):	11,808,500
	(ii) Total males (all ages):	11,674,100
(b)	(i) Females (aged 60-65):	567,900
	(ii) Males (aged 60-65):	515,500

STATISTICS—MARRIED WOMEN

Question No. 411—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

On March 31, 1979, what was the total number of married women in Canada?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (President of Treasury Board): Statistics Canada reports the following: This information is not available for the March 31, 1979, reference date. Statistics Canada's most recent population estimates by marital status are those for June 1, 1978, which indicate that there were 5,525,100 married females in Canada as of that date.

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[English]

STARRED QUESTION

Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Would you be so kind, Mr. Speaker, as to call starred question No. 384?

[Text]

*CIDA—BUDGET

Question No. 384—**Mr. Evans:**

1. What is the annual budget for the office of the Minister of State responsible for CIDA for (a) staff (b) furnishings (c) others?

2. (a) What is the source of such funds (b) did such funds come from the Departmental budget of CIDA, from aid funds or from other budgetary sources associated with the department?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The annual budget for the office of the Minister of State for CIDA for a full fiscal year is as follows:

1. Exempt staff	\$125,000
Regular staff	\$ 77,500
Other	\$200,000
Expenses included under "other" include professional services and consultants, hospitality, postage, printing, travel, telephones, duplicating, and materials and supplies.	

[Mr. Grafftey.]

The one time only set-up costs of the office of the Minister of State for CIDA for the 1979-80 fiscal year are as follows:

Construction costs	\$ 44,000
Furnishings and equipment	\$ 32,400
	\$ 76,400

The construction costs have been approved by Treasury Board but no work has yet begun but completion is expected by March 31, 1980.

2. The source of funds is from the CIDA administration budget.

[English]

Mr. Kilgour: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE TAX CREDIT IN RESPECT OF MORTGAGE INTEREST AND PROPERTY TAX

The House resumed from Monday, November 26, consideration of the motion of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie) that Bill C-20, to amend the Income Tax Act to provide a tax credit in respect of mortgage interest and home owner property tax, be read the second time and referred to Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier): Mr. Speaker, as I was saying yesterday in this debate, in my opinion Bill C-20 is the most inequitable, inefficient and expensive package of tax credits we have ever had to discuss in this House. I want to make it clear in my remarks that although it favours certain Canadians and certain problems of ownership, it certainly does not address itself to the problem of affordability of homes. Nor does it address itself in any shape or form to helping those who today have the problem of paying for their shelter and meeting expenses which sometimes go through the roof.

We are told by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Crosbie) that if we do not pass this bill by Christmas, an election will be called. I ask the minister in all honesty how he can expect Canadians and members of Parliament to support a measure which proposes to expend hundreds of millions, indeed billions of dollars from here to eternity, dollars which will come from somebody's pocket, and yet not tell members of Parliament or the Canadian public where he is getting that money and who is going to pay for the tax credit proposal which we have before us. This is a tax reduction for certain people.