

Starred Questions

4. Annually, new Contribution Agreements are signed by the Westbank Indian Band and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to flow funds for all of the various programs of the Department for which the band is eligible. This was done in 1986/87 for the Westbank Indian Band and similarly for all bands in the B.C. region.

The agreements do not replace previous agreements as such, but do include any funding commitments which may span across two fiscal years (e.g., a Capital Project).

The Contribution Agreements signed during 1986/87 are as follows:

Local Services Contribution Arrangement (for all Operations and Maintenance programs).

Capital Housing	60.0
Capital Infrastructure	87.0
Economic Development	67.9

INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL

Question No. 85—**Miss Nicholson (Trinity):**

1. Has the Government contributed to the operation of the International Tin Council since the Council's default on its debt in March, 1986, and if so, in what amount?

2. Has the Government been made party to any legal action arising out of the default of the ITC and, if so, how much (a) has been expended by the Government for legal advice (b) does the Government expect to spend?

3. (a) Has the Government taken any action to bring to an end the default of the ITC (b) does it propose any such action that would limit the Government's legal liability to persons who have suffered loss and damage from the default?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes. In 1986-87, the Canadian contribution was \$47,817 (approximately \$95,000).

2. (a) Yes. In 1986-87, \$200,899 (approximately \$402,000).

(b) The future amount for legal advice is impossible to estimate as it will depend on the evolution of the litigation before the courts.

3. (a) Canada has assisted the ITC in its efforts to find a solution.

(b) No, Canada is not responsible for the debts of the ITC.

CANADIANS KILLED IN MEXICO

Question No. 144—**Mr. Minaker:**

From November 1, 1984, to April 1, 1987, were any Canadians in Mexico (a) killed as victims of criminal actions (b) assaulted or had other criminal offences committed against their persons or property and, if so, (i) how many (ii) in each case, what was the name of the town or city where the act occurred and were criminal charges laid?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The following Canadians were killed or injured in Mexico, as a result of criminal actions, since November 1, 1984. To our knowledge criminal charges have been laid only in the case of Mr. Placide Dodier.

Killed or assaulted	Place	Date
Danna Mart Fujikawa — murdered	Guadalajara	January 25, 1985
Tamara Fujikawa — assaulted	Guadalajara	January 25, 1985
James Stobbard — mugged: officials claimed he was hit by a bus	Mazatlan	September 9, 1985
Paul de Luca — shot and killed	Reynosa	February 6, 1986
Danny Douglas Clark — shot and killed	Puerto Vallarta	March 17, 1986
Ham Boehni — killed in hit and run accident	Ciudad Jurez	April 15, 1986
Placide Dodier — shot and killed	Matamoros	April 28, 1986

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

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STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Starred Question No. 141.

FAILURE OF CANADIAN COMMERCIAL BANK AND NORTHLAND BANK

Question No. *141—**Miss Nicholson (Trinity):**

1. Is the Government being sued as a result of the failures of the Canadian Commercial Bank and the Northland Bank and, if so, what individuals or other bodies have instigated legal action, and on what grounds?

2. Has the Government sought legal advice and taken legal action and, if so (a) who is advising the Government or acting on its behalf (b) what amount has been expended for this purpose (c) are further expenditures contemplated or anticipated and, if so, to what extent?

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the answer is as follows:

(1) The Government is presently involved directly or indirectly in three suits as a result of the failures of the Canadian Commercial Bank (CCB) and the Northland Bank. The first two suits are in relation to the Financial Institutions Depositors Compensation Act, S.C. 1984-85 c.51 whereby the Nova Scotia Savings & Loan Company and the Saskatchewan Co-op are suing the Government. The issue of these suits is whether or not the promissory notes that each institution held from the CCB are deposits within the meaning of the Act and therefore whether or not the Government owes them compensation under the Act. The other legal action was initiated by the Bank of Montreal against Her Majesty in respect of the March 1985 Participation Agreement. The Bank of Montreal essentially alleges negligence on the part of the Government in respect of the information made available to the bank prior to participating in the Participation Agreement.