

*Routine Proceedings*

The conclusion reached in regard to VIA Rail was that VIA should be expected to adopt a more commercial approach and to operate in a more cost effective manner. VIA was asked to bring forward a business plan which would achieve the objectives set by the government and respect reference levels.

PUBLICATIONS DISTRIBUTED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
OF FIRST MINISTERS

Question No. 190—**Mr. Milliken:**

In respect of the publication entitled (a) *From Backyards to Borders: federal environmental action in Canada's communities* (b) *A Decade of Achievement: Environment and Energy Research and Development* (c) *Toward a Common Future, A Report on Sustainable Development and its Implications for Canada*, distributed at the Annual Conference of First Ministers (i) what number were produced in each official language (ii) what were the printing costs of each issue (iii) what were the other costs of production (including any fees paid to writers or photographers) for each issue?

**Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Minister of the Environment):**

(a) From Backyards to Borders

(i) 25,506 English; 10,261 French

(ii) \$40,633.14

(iii) \$20,270

(b) A Decade of Achievement: Environment and Energy Research & Development

(i) 10,000 bilingual

(ii) \$42,417.92

(iii) \$40,071.96

(c) Toward a Common Future: A Report on Sustainable Development and its Implications for Canada

(i) 4,830 English; 3,519

(ii) \$22,399.63

(iii) \$38,665.16

NCC TENANT NAMES AND RENTS CHARGED

Question No. 195—**Mrs. Gaffney:**

1. Are there tenants leasing public buildings within the National Capital Commission's purview and, if so, what are their names?

2. Are rents charged on public buildings or other space within the National Capital Commission's purview and, if so, in what amounts?

**Hon. Elmer MacIntosh MacKay (Minister of Public Works):** The Commission's total tenant list, and all rents charged, are not releasable to the public\* due to the following:

The names and addresses of residential tenants, and rents paid by these tenants, fall under the definition of personal information under the Privacy Act. This matter has been referred to the Federal Court.

The Commission is of the opinion that disclosure of rents paid by commercial tenants could prejudice the tenants' competitive position and the Commission's negotiating ability. The Information Commissioner's recommendations on this matter are currently under review by the Commission.

The Member may wish to exercise her rights under the Access to Information Act.

\*The Access to Information Act does not differentiate between Members of Parliament and the "general public".

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR  
RETURNS

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader):** Mr. Speaker, if Questions Nos. 177 and 179 could be made Orders for Return, those returns would be tabled immediately.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House that Questions Nos. 177 and 179 be deemed to have been made Orders for Return?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[Text]

FISHERIES

Question No. 177—**Mr. Young (Gloucester):**

Is the government aware of the difficulties in the fishing industry in Northeast New Brunswick and, if so (a) what will be implemented before next spring (b) what is being considered for that region in terms of (i) emergency employment programs for fishermen and fish plant workers (ii) the development and marketing of new and value-added products and under-utilized species (iii) economic development plans from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency which include non-seasonal work (iv) new markets for fish products?