

Order Paper Questions

Church of Canada, which represents 8,000 members and 36 congregations of the United Church of Canada within Grey County in Ontario. Its members would like the federal Government to apologize formally and to make appropriate compensation to those Japanese Canadians who suffered during World War II as a result of being uprooted by the federal Government with a loss of their property, lands and many other possessions.

MR. COOPER—CUTBACKS IN FUNDING FOR HANDICAPPED

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege to present a petition to the House on behalf of a number of people from the Peace River country who are particularly concerned that funding has been cut back for a program which was providing job opportunities for mentally and physically handicapped people in that area. Their particular concern is that the Minister responsible, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, has become increasingly invisible and partisan in his handing out of funds. They are wondering why they cannot have funds for this simple project.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 384, 409, 410 and 769.

[Text]

YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Question No. 384—Mr. Howie:

What is the estimated cost to (a) Canada (b) the provinces of the adoption of the uniform maximum age of 18 years under Young Offenders Act?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): The federal Government is currently involved in detailed negotiations with the provincial governments concerning federal financial assistance to juvenile justice services administered by the provinces. Estimates of the costs to, (a) Canada, (b) the

provinces, of the uniform maximum age provision of the Act will not be available until these negotiations are concluded. The initial evaluation by the federal Government of the cost impact of the legislation indicates that the Act will not result in an untoward increase in over-all criminal justice costs for either Canada or the provinces.

STUDIES RELATING TO INCARCERATION OF CRIMINALLY INSANE

Question No. 409—Mr. Howie:

Did the Solicitor General undertake any studies relating to the incarceration of criminally insane persons and, if so (a) were these studies conducted by outside consultants (b) in what time frame were the studies to be conducted (c) was any amount allocated to the studies and, if so, what amount?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): No. (a) to (c) Not applicable.

Question No. 410—Mr. Howie:

Did the Minister of Justice undertake any studies relating to the incarceration of criminally insane persons and, if so (a) were these studies conducted by outside consultants (b) in what time frame were the studies to be conducted (c) was any amount allocated to the studies and, if so, what amount?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): The Ministry of Justice has undertaken several studies dealing with criminally insane persons. The main effort in this area in the mental disorder project which began in the fall of 1982 as part of the Criminal Law Review. This study involves research on both the legal and social science areas relevant to the mentally disordered offender. Following the publication and distribution of a discussion paper last summer, extensive consultations were conducted with provincial governments, with major national and provincial organizations and associations, and with Lieutenant Governors' Advisory Review Boards. At present, officials within the Department of Justice are formulating recommendations based on the information obtained through research and consultations.

In addition to departmental study, outside consultants have been retained. A complete list follows under the heading mental disorder project. In addition to this extensive study a number of smaller projects relating to the mentally disordered offender have been sponsored by this department. This list, entitled "Discretionary Federal Projects—Mental Disorder", follows as well.

Mental Disorder Project

(a) Contractor	(b) Term	(c) Amount	Description
David Weisstub	March-June/84 (inclusive)	\$ 4,500.00	To provide policy advice on request on legal/psychiatric questions.
Lionel Béliveau	March-June/84 (inclusive)	\$ 1,500.00	To provide practical advice on the problems encountered in the administration of the criminally insane in psychiatric institutions.
Ontario Dept. of Health (secondment of an officer)	Mar. 1/83 to Feb. 29/84 plus extension to May 31/84	\$26,377.00	To provide administrative assistance to Mental Disorder Project.