

Questions

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CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS—INDIANS AND/OR ESKIMOS
EDUCATION OR RESEARCH

Question No. 215—Mr. Hales:

1. What funds have been distributed by the Canada Council during the past five years to (a) Indians and/or Eskimos for education or research (b) non-Indians for studies dealing with Indian or Eskimo problems?
2. Does the Canada Council have any special regulations or policies dealing with the awarding of money to (a) Indians and/or Eskimos for education or research (b) non-Indians for studies dealing with Indian or Eskimo problems?
3. Is the percentage of rejections of (a) applications for grants from Indians and Eskimos higher than that of non-Indians (b) applications for grants to assist studies dealing with Indian or Eskimo problems higher than that of other types of research?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: 1. (a) and (b) Information not available because applicants are not required to show their racial origin.

2. (a) No. (b) No.

3. (a) Information not available because applicants are not required to show their racial origin. (b) To provide the information required, the Canada Council would have to review at least 10,000 individual files of doctoral and of research grants applications and awards for the past five years as the present information retrieval system was designed to collate information by

[Mr. Buchanan.]

discipline rather than by topic of research. The Council is developing its information retrieval capabilities to include collation by research topic in the future.

[English]

CONTROL BY BANK OF CANADA OF INTEREST RATES

Question No. 220—Mr. Robinson:

1. What can or will the Bank of Canada do to limit the interest charged by the Chartered Banks and that paid to depositors by the Chartered Banks?
2. How can the Bank of Canada control the interest rates charged by (near banks) trust companies and finance companies?
3. What changes in legislation would be necessary to make the Bank of Canada more effective in curbing inflation?
4. What control is exerted by the Bank of Canada over advertising by the Chartered Banks?
5. What would be the estimated results if the Bank of Canada limited the interest rate chargeable by the Chartered Banks and lending institutions?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): In so far as the Bank of Canada is concerned: 1, 2 and 3. The Bank of Canada exerts an important influence on the general level of interest rates and other credit conditions by using the powers which Parliament has given it in the Bank of Canada Act, mainly those powers which allow it to control the cash reserve base of the chartered banks as a group, and in this way to control the rate of expansion of the banking system. Additional powers would require further amendment of the Bank of Canada Act. Competition between banks and other financial institutions and in financial markets generally for the available funds causes this influence to spread through the whole system. The Bank of Canada has no statutory power to fix or to limit directly the interest rates charged or paid by the chartered banks or other institutions.

4. None.

5. This is a hypothetical question and not answerable.

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION—POLITICAL
ACTIVITIES OF EMPLOYEES

Question No. 238—Mr. McCleave:

1. What political activities, if any, are permitted to employees of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation?
2. What directives are issued to employees in that regard?
3. When did the CBC last re-examine its policy and with what result?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. Corporation By-Law 7 (3) states: "No officer or employee of the Corporation employed on a full-time basis shall be a candidate for any public elective office or actively support any candidate for any public elective office, but an officer or employee of the Corporation may, subject to the permission of the President be, or actively support, a candidate for a municipal or civic office provided that the acceptance of or the support of the candidature for such office does not interfere with the proper