

## Order Paper Questions

**\*INCREASE IN INTEREST RATE ON INCOME TAX AND REFUNDS****Question No. 2,540—Mr. Stanbury:**

Does the government consider appropriate, or is it considering increasing, the current 6 per cent interest rate on income tax and refunds due and payable?

**Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, in the light of current conditions, the government does consider the interest rate of 6 per cent to be appropriate. It should be noted that this figure was raised from 3 per cent in April of 1974. The government will, however, continue to monitor the situation in the light of interest rates generally to determine whether changed conditions suggest the need for a change in the interest rates provided for in the income tax regulations.

## LOANS GRANTED BY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK

**Question No. 2,546—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

1. How many loans were granted by the Industrial Development Bank during the fiscal year 1974-75 (a) in Canada (b) in each province (c) what was the amount for each province?

2. For the fiscal year 1973-74, how many loans were granted and what was the total amount of such loans for each province?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):**

	No. of Loans		Amount	
	1973	1974	1973	1974
*Total Canada	7,859	9,712	\$344,798	\$470,021
Newfoundland	197	245	6,993	8,121
Nova Scotia	260	262	7,427	8,289
Prince Edward Island	83	77	2,551	2,453
New Brunswick	224	284	9,059	12,959
Quebec	1,383	1,652	71,799	85,701
Ontario	1,789	2,391	75,336	110,850
Manitoba	179	248	8,404	12,941
Saskatchewan	178	246	7,134	10,736
Alberta	646	1,067	26,458	47,724
British Columbia	2,835	3,159	124,332	165,713
North West Territories	38	41	2,570	1,783
Yukon	47	40	2,735	2,751

\*Data is published only for IDB fiscal years ending September 30th.

## DEPUTY MINISTERS

**Question No. 2,651—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

How many and which Deputy Minister holding office as of May 31, 1975 had (a) served in the Department of External Affairs (b) worked for a consecutive period of at least one year (i) in private business (ii) with a provincial government (iii) in an administrative or teaching capacity with a university or other institution outside government?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** (a) Seven, as follows: Deputy Minister, Communications; Deputy Minister, Environment; Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs; Deputy Minister, Indian Affairs and

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Northern Development; Deputy Minister, Industry, Trade and Commerce; Deputy Minister, Manpower and Immigration; Secretary to the Cabinet (Federal-Provincial Relations). (b) (i) Nine, as follows: Deputy Minister, Finance; Superintendent of Insurance; Deputy Minister, Justice; Deputy Minister, Labour; Deputy Minister, National Health and Welfare; Deputy Minister, National Revenue; Deputy Postmaster General; Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet; Secretary of State for Science and Technology. (ii) Four, as follows: Deputy Minister, Finance; Deputy Minister, Labour; Deputy Minister, National Health and Welfare; Secretary of State for Urban Affairs. (iii) Eight, as follows: Deputy Minister, Communications; Deputy Minister, Consumer and Corporate Affairs; Deputy Minister, Indian Affairs and Northern Development; Chief, Statistician of Canada; Deputy Minister, Manpower and Immigration; Deputy Minister, National Revenue; Deputy Minister, Public Works; Secretary of State for Science and Technology.

**NOTE:** Deputy Minister has been defined as those deputy heads of departments as listed in Schedule "A" of the Financial Administration Act.

## NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES HIRED FOR DUTIES RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF BILL C-3

**Question No. 2,820—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

1. As of May 15, 1975, how many persons have been hired (a) by the Public Service Commission (b) under contract by the Privy Council Office for duties relating primarily to implementation and administration of (i) Bill C-3, An Act to amend the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1975 (ii) Bill C-24, An Act to amend the Salaries Act?

2. In each case, what was the date of the original employment or commencement of contract?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

MR. JACOB AUSTIN

**Question No. 2,832—Mr. MacKay:**

1. Is Jacob Austin devoting his entire time and energies to his position as Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister?

2. Can the Prime Minister indicate categorically that Jacob Austin has no interests at present, or designed to accrue in the future, in any banks, chartered or otherwise, which are in existence or in the process of being formed, nor airlines, nor any other business interests, details of which are not public knowledge?

3. Did Mr. Jacob Austin correspond with the Soviet Ambassador to Canada relative to certain mining interests in the north wherein Soviet technology was to be utilized for the purpose of exploiting Canadian minerals and, if so, was this done with the knowledge of the government?

4. Did Mr. Austin brief the proper Canadian government authorities and obtain their approval before entering into this type of correspondence with the Soviet Ambassador?

5. If he did consult with various government authorities, who were these officials and what was their response?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** 1. Mr. Austin is a fully competent and assiduous member of the Prime Minister's Office.

2. Mr. Austin advises he has no such interests.