#### CIDA—SALARIES

#### Ouestion No. 1,379-Mr. Dionne (Kamouraska):

What is the salary of the (a) President (b) Vice-Presidents (c) various categories of employees working for the Canadian International Development Agency?

Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): (a) \$49,500-\$65,300; (b) \$33,300-\$52,300; (c) AG, \$27,510-\$31,738; AR, \$27,941-\$35,358; BI, \$27,029-\$31,170; ES, \$24,481-\$39,324; ED-EDS, \$23,258-\$37,800; ENG, \$15,892-\$40,800; FO, \$24,828-\$29,-124; LS, \$13,127-\$26,187; AS, \$14,122-\$32,500; CS, \$9,842-\$29,400; FI, \$14,676-\$32,600; IS, \$10,620-\$32,600; OM, \$12,340-\$32,900; PE, \$13,500-\$36,100; PM, \$15,746-\$34,900; PG, \$10,047-\$29,471; FS, \$23,299-\$33,684; DD, \$10,983-\$16,374; EG-EDSS, \$16,738-\$18,772; GT, \$12,372-\$22,064; SI, \$13,423-\$21,486; DA, \$11,935-\$14,543; CR, \$8,483-\$15,177; OE-MSE, \$7,319-\$9,085; ST-TYP, \$7,855-\$8,568; ST-OCE, \$9,803-\$10,712; ST-STN, \$7,368-\$10,228; ST-SCY, \$7,443-\$15,447; GS-MES, \$8,268-\$8,268; GS-STS, \$8,794-\$8,794.

# CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS—PETITIONS

# Question No. 1,454-Mr. Malone:

Has the Secretary of State received any letters or petitions since January 1, 1978 protesting the present methods of awarding Canada Council grants and, if so (a) how many (b) how many signatures were attached to the petitions?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Between January 1 and March 31, 1978, the Secretary of State Department received approximately 450 letters concerning the methods of awarding Canada Council grants. It is estimated that some 1,000 signatures were attached to the letters.

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# [Translation]

## **QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS**

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 545, 1,146 and 1,364 could be made orders for returns, these returns would be tabled immediately.

## [Text]

INVESTIGATORS COMPILING UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

# Question No. 545-Mr. Rondeau:

1. Are investigators entrusted with compiling statistics on unemployment and, if so, how many are there in (a) Canada (b) each province (c) each constituency?

2. How many hours do they work per month?

3. What is their average salary per (a) hour (b) month?

4. What are their travel expenses per mile?

5. Since 1970, what has been the annual cost of compiling unemployment statistics for Statistics Canada?

6. (a) By whom (b) in what manner (c) for how long, on the average, are such investigators appointed?

Point of Order—Mr. Cossitt 7. Do the investigators visit new households each month and, if so (a) how many (b) according to what criteria and how are the samples determined?

8. What are the names and addresses of the investigators in the Constitutency of Shefford?

Return tabled.

#### PERSONS UNEMPLOYED

### Question No. 1,146-Mr. Herbert:

1. For each month of 1977, for which information is available, by what percentage did the estimated number of unemployed exceed the number of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefit payments?

2. In each case, what estimated percentage of those receiving payments were not available for work?

3. What is the general character or group and the percentage of each, of those seeking employment but not receiving unemployment benefit payments?

Return tabled.

#### YOUNG CANADA WORKS PROGRAM

### Question No. 1,364—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

During the 1976-77 fiscal year, did the government allocate funds to the Young Canada at Work Programme and, if so, what was the (a) total amount (b) amount for each province (c) amount for each Quebec constituency?

Return tabled.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

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#### POINT OF ORDER

### MR. COSSITT—DELAY IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS, SPECIFICALLY NOS. 45 AND 54

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds):** Mr. Speaker, I have risen a number of times regarding questions which have been on the order paper for as long as two years. Without going through all the numbers and taking the time of the House to do so, I refer to questions beginning with questions beginning in the 30's and on up. Each time I have raised this point of order all I have received from the parliamentary secretary have been guarantees that they will do their best, that many questions have been answered, a very high percentage, and so forth.

I would like to refer specifically to two questions which are long standing but which are easy to answer, and there is really no valid excuse for the government's not having answered them. The first is question No. 54 regarding the brother-in-law of the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang), Tony Merchant, and the amount of legal business he has received from the Government of Canada, including what he was paid to represent the Crown in a case against radio station CKRM. That question is simple enough to have been answered months ago, but the answer has not been forthcoming, and I hope it is not due to the fact that Tony Merchant is a Liberal candidate for the coming election.