

Order Paper Questions

(d) Fifty-four 40-passenger buses for seven days to transport delegates between Toronto International Airport and downtown hotels—\$17,050.

(e) Shuttle service (40-passenger buses) for delegates between hotels and to official functions—\$98,440.

(f) Signs for buses and cars—\$5,051.

(g) Costs for drivers recovered by Department of National Defence for salaries and travel costs of militia personnel and for travel costs of regular force personnel—\$400,000 (estimated, final costs not yet known).

(h) Accommodation for drivers and support staff—\$110,000 (estimated, final costs not yet known).

(i) Two-way radios installed in ten vehicles—\$8,475.

2. Department of Supply and Services invited tenders for all cars. All buses were rented through Gray Coach lines or the Toronto Transit Commission as these are the only services allowed to handle such assignments on the streets of Toronto.

WESTERN GRAIN STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Question No. 4,543—**Mr. Gustafson:**

1. Will the Government consider allowing farmers to opt out of the Western Grain Stabilization Program and, if not, for what reason?

2. Since the inception of the Program, by year, what amount was paid out to western farmers?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Agriculture and the Canadian Wheat Board as follows:

1. At present, the Government is not considering a change in the Western Grain Stabilization Act to permit producers to opt out of the program in an unrestricted manner. Provisions in the Act allowed participants to opt-out within the first three years of participation. Producers who participated in the program from its inception had until December 31, 1978 to opt out. Participants who joined the plan since its inception may still opt out if they have not reached the third year of their participation.

Provisions in the Act to limit opting out were put in place to prevent producers from only participating in years when a payout is projected. If opting out was left unrestricted, this could affect the actuarial soundness of the program in that funds would not be built up to stabilize producer incomes as provided in the Act.

2. Since the inception of the program in 1976, two payments have been required, one of \$115 million in 1978 and one of \$253 million in 1979 for a total of \$368 million.

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[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if question No. 4,579

could be made an order for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 4,579 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

INCOME TAX—COLLECTIONS AND REFUNDS

Question No. 4,579—**Mr. Lewis:**

By month, for the fiscal year (a) 1979-80 (b) 1980-81 (c) 1981-82 (d) 1982-83 to date, what were the income tax gross collections and refunds for (i) corporations (ii) individuals (employer remittances plus direct payments)?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Blenkarn: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Question No. 3,628 was asked on January 25, 1982. It has not been answered. It is a rather easy question although it does have nine specific points to it. It is in regard to the budget of November 12 and the way the present Bill C-139 is to be proceeded with. The answer should have been produced. It has been over a year now since it was placed on the Order Paper. Can the Parliamentary Secretary tell us why the answers have not been forthcoming?

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I do not know the exact stage at which the answer is in preparation on that particular question. But, of course, as of today we have answered 83.3 per cent of all questions asked in this session. I will be delighted to look into that matter on behalf of the Hon. Member to see what I can find out for him.

I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX

AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE LAW

The House resumed, from Monday, December 13, 1982, consideration of the motion of Mr. Lalonde that Bill C-139, to amend the Statute Law relating to Income Tax (No. 2), be