

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: I will take this question under advisement, but I will likely rule at the same time on both questions of privilege.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

SOCIAL SECURITY

TABLING OF COPY OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND PORTUGAL

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin), and pursuant to Standing Order 41(2), I should like to table in both official languages a copy of the agreement on social security between the Government of Canada and the government of Portugal.

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[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,619, 1,753, 1,769, 1,772, 1,812 and 1,845.

[Text]

RAILWAY IMPROVEMENT—SMITHS FALLS TO BROCKVILLE

Question No. 1,619—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Are steps being taken to change the railway tracks in the area of Smiths Falls, Ontario used by passenger trains to avoid the considerable delay spent in track switching operations and (a) if so, what are all the details (b) if not, for what reason?

2. (a) Are steps being taken to improve the railway roadbed between Smiths Falls and Brockville in order to bring it up to modern standards (b) in what year was the roadbed originally constructed?

3. (a) What is the scheduled travelling time for passenger trains between Smiths Falls and Brockville (b) what is the distance involved (c) what would be the estimated travel time for Toronto-bound trains between Smiths Falls and Brockville if the roadbed was brought up to the standard of the roadbed between Brockville and Toronto?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. No steps are being taken or are planned to change the railway tracks between Brockville and Smiths Falls, Ontario. The switching of trains from the CN to the CP track and the attendant delay cannot be avoided.

2. (a) No steps are being taken to improve the railway roadbed between Smiths Falls and Brockville as the existing track is adequate for present train opera-

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tions. As part of a long-term plan to improve rail passenger service in the Quebec-Windsor Corridor, there are plans to upgrade the service and facilities on the Smiths Falls-Napanee route. The Smiths Falls-Brockville route, however, would not be affected.

(b) 1854.

3. (a) Approximately 55 minutes on average.

(b) Approximately 45 kilometres or 28 miles.

(c) The average travelling time of a passenger train could be reduced by approximately ten minutes per train. The number of stops, curves, etc. precludes greater time savings.

ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES

Question No. 1,753—**Mr. Stevens:**

For the current fiscal year, what are the estimated expenditures of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce for (a) advertising (b) free or subsidized publications (c) other information conveyed to the public?

Mr. Ralph Ferguson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Small Businesses)): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: Canadian Government Office of Tourism, (a) \$10,467,300; (b) 940,700; (c) 1,450,000.

Public Information Directorate, (a) \$1,300,000; (b) 950,000; (c) 200,000.

Metric Commission Canada (a) Nil; (b) Nil; (c) Nil.

Question No. 1,769—**Mr. Stevens:**

For the current fiscal year, what are the estimated expenditures of the Export Development Corporation for (a) advertising (b) free or subsidized publications (c) other information conveyed to the public?

Mr. Gérald Laniel (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: Export Development Corporation advises that: For the financial year ending December 31, 1980, its estimated expenditures for, (a) newspaper advertising: \$714,500; (b) free publications: \$156,150; (c) other information: \$190,625.

Question No. 1,772—**Mr. Stevens:**

For the current fiscal year, what are the estimated expenditures of the Canadian National Railways for (a) advertising (b) free or subsidized publications (c) other information conveyed to the public?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows: (a) \$8.6 million; (b) \$10,000; (c) Nil.