

*Routine Proceedings*

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 4 hours and 55 minutes

Approximate cost: \$89.

I am informed by the Department of National Health and Welfare as follows:

Although the federal government supports in principle the World Health Organization (WHO) *International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes*, it does not support the adoption of the WHO *International Code* into legally enforceable legislation for all countries. Because of the universal scope of the WHO *International Code*, some of its provisions are neither applicable nor appropriate for implementation in Canada.

The Department has for almost a decade supported breastfeeding as the preferred form of infant feeding. Canada also played a key role in developing and promoting the WHO *International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes*.

In 1981, after the adoption of the Code by the World Health Assembly, the Department obtained unanimous support for the aim and principles of the Code from all Canadian provinces.

The provinces felt that the Code should be implemented in Canada through education and health promotion rather than through legislation or regulations.

The Department has consistently taken a strong position with the Canadian infant formula industry and urged them to assume their responsibilities under the International Code. In 1987, departmental negotiations with the formula industry, through the Canadian Infant Formula Association (CIFA), led to the industry's agreement to respect the aim and principles of the *International Code of Marketing of Breast-Milk Substitutes*.

On October 28, 1987, CIFA members voluntarily adopted the CIFA *Code of Practice*.

The CIFA Code represents the industry position on the WHO *International Code* as adapted to the Canadian situation.

In addition, Canada recently signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, again

affirming our support for breastfeeding as a contribution to children's health. The Convention is now being reviewed for ratification.

**Question No. 71—Mr. Holtmann:**

Has the Long Plains Indian Reserve ever filed a land claim related to property currently being used by Canadian Forces Base Portage la Prairie and, if so, when and under what conditions was it filed?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 4 hours and 5 minutes

Approximate cost: \$73.

I am informed by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as follows:

No, the Long Plain Indian Band has not filed a claim to land being used by the Canadian Forces Base near Portage La Prairie. However, the band does have a general claim under treaty for additional land. On May 10, 1991, the band submitted a band council resolution stating its interest in acquiring the land Canadian Forces Base Portage La Prairie as part of a settlement of the claim because the base is in its treaty area.

**Question No. 77—Mr. Whittaker:**

With respect to the Prime Minister's diplomatic trip to Japan in May 1991, was a private jet used because of possible delays in the originally scheduled flight and, if so, (a) what was the gross additional cost of the private charter (b) what was the difference in net cost between the original scheduled flight and the subsequent private charter (c) who was scheduled to travel on the original flight (d) who travelled with the Prime Minister on the private charter (e) was there a difference in the passenger lists between the original scheduled flight and the private charter?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 2 hours and 25 minutes

Approximate cost: \$44.

I am informed by the Offices of the Prime Minister and the Privy Council as follows:

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**Question No. 78—Ms. Campbell (South West Nova):**

With respect to the Goods and Services Tax, how many individuals have qualified for the maximum GST credit and had the rebate fully withheld and applied to outstanding tax arrears?