

Government Orders

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PUBLICATIONS MAIL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Question No. 112—**Mrs. Finestone:**

For the fiscal years (a) 1985–86 (b) 1986–87 (c) 1987–88 (d) 1988–89, was any money paid under the Publications Mail Infrastructure Program to the Canada Post Corporation for mail mailed by (i) government departments (ii) Crown Corporations (iii) provincial government departments (iv) provincial crown corporations (v) municipal governments and, if so, in each case, in what amount?

Mr. Benoît Tremblay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Government departments and agencies at the federal, provincial and municipal levels are eligible to mail in the Publications Mail Program. However, no data is available to determine the proportion of the Mail Infrastructure Program which could be attributed to these users.

[*English*]

Mr. Cooper: I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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[*Translation*]

**MULTICULTURALISM AND CITIZENSHIP
DEPARTMENT ACT**

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Wednesday, September 27, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mulroney that Bill

C-18, an act to establish the Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship and to amend certain Acts in relation thereto, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Gauthier: Madam Speaker, I simply want to raise a point of order regarding a situation that occasionally makes things difficult for hon. members, and in any case we have to deal with it.

Yesterday, the Government announced, and that is what we read in the *Projected Order of Business*, that Bill C-36 would be the first item for consideration by the House. However, it seems the Government changed its mind, so that item No. 2, in other words, Bill C-18, will be debated first.

I raised this point because some members are in committee, and when they have to sit in committee and in the House as well, it is my duty as the party Whip to inform them that the House of Commons has priority.

If these members are supposed to speak to a particular bill, agriculture or multiculturalism or whatever, it is my duty as the party Whip to call them to the House.

Madam Speaker, I find it rather difficult to orchestrate or organize all this when we are not given all the information on what will be done on a given day.

I agree that the *Projected Order of Business* is subject to change without notice. However, I think we should be able to schedule the business of the House so that Members can be where they should be at the appropriate time and there are no last minute changes in the order of business to confuse matters. Personally, I would ask the Government to be more consistent in its instructions to the Table and to give us one day's notice or at least let us know the night before, as is customary, instead of making changes just before the orders of the House are called.

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[*English*]

Mr. Cooper: Madam Speaker, I take note of the concerns of the whip of the official opposition party. As the House is well aware, the government can choose anything from the Orders of the Day, in whichever order they choose to put them forward and we try, as always, to co-operate.