

*Order Paper Questions*

SERENA CANADA

**Question No. 677—Mr. McKnight:**

1. In the past ten years, did the Department of National Health and Welfare receive applications for funding from Serena Canada?

2. Did the department approve funding for the organization and, if so, in each case (a) in what year (b) in what amount (c) for what purpose?

**Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):**

1. Yes

2. (a) Yes (b) Amount granted

1970-71	\$ 25,000
1971-72	40,000
1972-73	172,000
1973-74	150,000
1974-75	180,000
1975-76	175,000 + \$5,000 (research)
1976-77	175,000 + 9,079 (training)
1977-78	175,000
1978-79	175,000
1979-80	120,000

(c) The grants were awarded for the operation, improvement and extension of services.

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—CONTROL OF SALMON FISHING—NORTH ATLANTIC

**Question No. 867—Mr. Gass:**

Has Canada taken initiatives with respect to a new International Convention to control salmon fishing on the high seas in the North Atlantic and, if so, what are they?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Over the past year Canada has been engaged with the U.S.A. and the EEC in the development of an International Convention to contribute to the conservation of North Atlantic salmon. Canada has transmitted to the EEC and the U.S.A. the draft of a convention which would provide for management and control of intercepting salmon fisheries in North America, Greenland, and in the Northeast Atlantic. A meeting between the three parties was held in Washington, D.C. April 29-30 and a further meeting is planned for some time in June.

[Translation]

**Madam Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[English]

**Mr. Cossitt:** Madam Speaker, I rise briefly on a point of order in regard to one specific question. As the parliamentary secretary knows, I have a number of questions which have been on the order paper for two and three years that have not been answered, but I should like to refer to just one at this time.

Question No. 15 asks how much government business has been received by Mr. Martin Goldfarb or Goldfarb Consultants Limited. They are the chief public relations surveyors for the Liberal party and also do government work. I do not think the fact that they have Liberal party connections should mean that the government should not answer a legitimate question about government business with this company for a period of over a year or two.

I raised this matter several times before May 22 last year as a point of order. I was assured by the then parliamentary secretary that an answer would be forthcoming soon. Unfortunately no one was able to define the meaning of "soon". I am wondering whether the parliamentary secretary who is now holding this position can perhaps enlighten us as to what "soon" really meant. Obviously it meant a long time, but does "soon" now mean perhaps tomorrow or the next day?

**Mr. Collenette:** Madam Speaker, to me "soon" means some time in the future. Whether or not that is in the immediate future or the prolonged future is a question over which I have no immediate control.

I try to get answers to questions. In fact, I think we have answered almost 250 questions to date, so I think the record is quite good. I realize the objections of the hon. member and I will do everything I can to get an answer for him. But I might say that the failure to answer a question does not mean to say that question will not be answered some time in the future. I do not think the hon. member should draw the kind of conclusions he does—

**Mr. Cossitt:** After two years!

**Mr. Collenette:**—from the fact that this question has not been answered.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[Translation]

**FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT**

## EXTENSION OF AND INCREASE IN GUARANTEED LOANS

The House resumed, from Wednesday, June 4, consideration of the motion of Mr. LeBlanc that Bill C-28, to amend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry.

[English]

**Hon. Ron Huntington (Capilano):** Madam Speaker, last evening I rose to make a few remarks about concerns that I have been receiving over the years from people on the west coast dealing with matters pertaining to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. I am using the debate on Bill C-28 as an