

Questions

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DEFENCE EXPENDITURES

Question No. 1,361—Mr. Mather:

1. What was the amount, in dollars, expended in the fiscal years 1960, 1961, and 1962 on national defence?
2. What in 1962 was the approximate percentage of federal expenditures represented by the combined costs of interest payment on the federal debt and on defence outlay?

Mr. Benson: 1.

Department of National Defence		
1960	1961	1962
\$	\$	\$
Department of Defence Production		
17,600,214	20,435,693	23,929,926
1,516,572,454	1,517,530,583	1,626,104,312
<u>\$ 1,534,172,668</u>	<u>\$ 1,537,966,276</u>	<u>\$ 1,650,034,438</u>

2. 37.62 per cent.

EQUITABLE INCOME TAX FOUNDATION

Question No. 1,364—Mr. Orlikow:

1. Was the Equitable income tax foundation given the right to receive contributions which are deductible for income tax purposes and, if so, on what date was the right granted?
2. What reasons were advanced by this organization to the minister in its request that it be granted such a right?
3. What were the government's reasons for granting such tax exemption status to the Equitable income tax association?
4. Is the Equitable income tax foundation engaging in activities such as proposing that the tax laws be changed in respect to Canadian co-operatives?
5. Is the government reconsidering the tax-exempt status of the Equitable income tax foundation?

Mr. Garland: 1. No.

2. The foundation has been formed as a permanent organization to conduct study, research and investigations on the subject of taxation and its effect on the economy of Canada; to propagate the principles of equitable taxation; to make representations to governmental authorities at all levels regarding tax legislation as may seem desirable as a result of the study, research and investigation carried on by this organization.

3. Not applicable.
4. Yes.
5. No.

CANADIAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Question No. 1,365—Mr. Orlikow:

1. Was the Canadian economic association given the right to receive contributions which are deductible for tax purposes and, if so on what date was the right granted?
2. What reasons were advanced by this organization to the minister in its request that it be granted such a right?
3. What were the government's reasons for granting such tax exemption status to the Canadian economic association?

2. While this government has not received direct representations from the dominion command of the Royal Canadian Legion regarding the proposal to erect a shrine of remembrance on Nepean point in Ottawa, the stand of the Legion in this matter is well known. They were represented on the committee which first recommended the erection of such a shrine. Their continuing strong support of the project was expressed in a recent editorial in their official publication, *The Legionary*.

3. The government has undertaken a thorough review of the proposal to erect the shrine, including the design of the building itself and the surrounding area. Some time will elapse before this study can be completed and the final decision reached.

PICNIC SITE AND CAMP GROUND CONSTRUCTION

Question No. 1,353—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Will picnic site and camp ground construction be included in the winter works program this year and, if so, what period will it cover?
2. If not, will it be replaced by a recreational parks program?
3. Does the government intend to continue the useful federal provincial parks conference inaugurated last year and, if so, when will the conference be convened?

Answer: 1. The winter works program for national parks in designated areas provides for the extension and development of picnic sites and camp grounds. The program will extend to March 31, 1964.

2. N/A

3. Yes. The second federal-provincial parks conference will be held in Ottawa from November 18 to 22 inclusive.

DIRECTIONAL RADIO BEACON, BLANC SABLON, QUE.

Question No. 1,358—Mr. Ricard:

Have tenders been called for the building of a directional radio beacon at Blanc Sablon, Quebec, and, if so, (a) what are the names of the tenderers (b) what was the amount of each tender submitted (c) what is the name of the tenderer to whom the contract was awarded?

[Translation]

Mr. Cantin: Yes, (a) and (b).

Names of tenderers	Amount
Nordec Construction Inc.	\$23,600
Plessis Construction Ltée.	25,890
Continental Electrical Contracting Ltd.	28,650
Avalon Construction and Engineering Ltd.	30,350
Gauthier & Gagné	34,662
Frs. Marquis Ltée.	55,770
Gaspé Sud Construction Ltée.	74,350

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