

Order Paper Questions

minorities in Quebec. There is none at all. The problem lies exclusively on the French-speaking side.

I think the attitude of my hon. friends from the Progressive Conservative and New Democratic parties is an indication of more huge difficulties in accepting a modest attempt at solving a national problem in Canada.

As for the government, I blame it because it deliberately tries to promote disorder in Quebec, by planning the establishment of bilingual districts in metropolitan Montreal as well as in other areas of the province. This is stupid, at a moment when we are fighting tooth and nail to save the French language and to get a true French-speaking management in Quebec. Mr. Speaker, there is no need to be so ridiculous and establish bilingual districts where they are absolutely not required.

I think I had to clarify this point. Mr. Speaker, we have indicated many times what we want. French Canadians do not want to get minor improvements here and there, what they want is a complete equality. Wherever you are in the country, it is not wrong to speak French and the federal government should provide its services in French anywhere. This is our minimum requirement and it must be met if we are to maintain Canada as it is.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sure a number of members are anxious to pose questions. It is now ten minutes before one o'clock. In order to get things in some sort of order, I wonder if we could first clear up the rest of routine proceedings before we begin with questions; then we could take questions until one o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**PETITION RESPECTING GUN CONTROL**

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House has laid upon the table the twentieth report of the Clerk of Petitions, stating that he has examined the petition presented by the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) and finds that it meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[English]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,100, 3,109, 3,113, 3,169, 3,172, 3,174, 3,252, 3,274, 3,294, 3,314, 3,316, 3,353 and 3,354.

[Mr. Matte.]

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS—CONTRACTS FOR LABORATORY FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

Question No. 3,100—Mr. Fleming:

1. Have any government contracts been awarded by the Department of Public Works for laboratory furniture and equipment since the beginning of 1972 and, if so, how many?
2. How many called for the installation of equipment and furniture?
3. What were the names of the successful companies?
4. How many contracts was each successful in winning?
5. What was the total amount of money paid to each?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): In so far as the Department of Public Works is concerned: nil.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE—LAVAL, QUEBEC

Question No. 3,109—Mr. Roy (Laval):

1. During the fiscal year 1974-75, what was the total amount claimed in repayment for damages caused by flooding in the (a) Province of Quebec (b) Constituency of Laval (c) City of Laval?
2. Of the total amount claimed in the Constituency of Laval and the City of Laval, what was the amount of money and the number of claims accepted for reimbursement under the federal-provincial agreement for (a) individuals (b) the provincial government (c) municipal governments (d) school boards (e) businesses or industries (f) others?
3. Of the total amount accepted for payment in the Province of Quebec, what amount will be provided by (a) government (b) provincial government?

Mr. Jacques-L. Trudel (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1. The province of Quebec has not yet submitted a claim for payment in respect of the 1974 flood damage compensation and rehabilitation program. Accordingly, the amount of federal financial assistance to which the province will be entitled under the terms of the established federal peacetime disaster assistance program is not yet known. It is expected that the province will be submitting a claim for payment in the very near future.

2. See above.

3. See above.

VANCOUVER—SECURITY CLEARANCE OF UNIFORMED OFFICERS

Question No. 3,113—Mr. Reynolds:

1. Was secret level security clearance authorized for the uniformed officers of the Department of National Revenue Customs and Excise at the Vancouver International Airport and, if so, by whom?
2. Are uniformed Customs officers required to complete new personal history forms and, if so, for what reason?
3. Did the government take fingerprints of uniformed Customs officers after they had previously been fingerprinted and, if so, for what reason?
4. Which departments have access to or the responsibility for the records mentioned in Parts 2 and 3?
5. What is the estimated cost of this operation?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Revenue and the Solicitor General as follows: 1. Yes, by the Deputy Minister, National Revenue, Customs and Excise.