It was generally agreed that appointment for the duration of the Parliament rather than of the session would also enable the Public Accounts Committee to carry out its work more expeditiously in that the Public Accounts and the Auditor General's Report could be referred to it without delay after they are tabled and the Committee could commence its work sooner than is usually now possible. The work of the Committee would thus be more current than it now is.

It is the understanding of the members of the Committee that in Australia the Public Accounts Committee is established at the beginning of the first session of each Parliament and continues to function for the duration of the Parliament rather than for the duration of the session only.

The Committee recommended in its Third Report 1966, presented to the House on June 28, 1966, that the Public Accounts Committee be established by statute but as this recommendation has not yet been adopted it now recommends that as soon as possible after commencement of the second session of the twenty-seventh Parliament, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be established as a committee to remain in existence until dissolution of the twenty-seventh Parliament.

The Committee further recommends that the annual Public Accounts and the Report of the Auditor General be referred to the Public Accounts Committee at the time they are tabled in the House.

The page numbers quoted refer to the pertinent pages in the Committee's Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence.

A copy of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence (Issues Nos. 27 and 28) is appended.

(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 53 to the Journals).

On motion of Mr. Pilon, seconded by Mr. Émard, it was ordered,—That the names of Messrs. Berger and Chatwood be substituted for those of Messrs. Tremblay and Orange on the Special Joint Committee on the National and Royal Anthems; and

That a Message be sent to the Senate to acquaint Their Honours thereof.

On motion of Mr. Pilon, seconded by Mr. Émard, it was ordered,—That the names of Messrs. Webb, Gundlock and Ormiston be substituted for those of Mrs. Wadds and Messrs. Woolliams and Mandziuk on the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Pursuant to Standing Order 39(4), the following three Questions were made Orders of the House for Returns, namely:

No. 2,380-Mr. Orlikow

1. How many Community Development Officers and Community Development Assistants have been appointed since the government announced its Community Development Program?