

In my view this is a matter of such urgency that I confidently ask the unanimous support of the House to have it sent to the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the terms of the motion suggested by the hon. member for Greenwood. The motion cannot be put unless there is unanimous consent. The Chair has to inquire whether there is such consent.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: In the absence of unanimous consent the hon. member's motion cannot be put at this time.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

SALE OF FLOUR TO U.S.S.R.

Question No. 748—Mr. Burton:

1. On what date was agreement reached for the sale of flour equivalent to about eight million bushels under the agreement between the Canadian Wheat Board and V/O Exportkhlleb and referred to by the Minister without Portfolio (Saskatoon-Humboldt) in his statement to the House of Commons, December 15?

2. On what date or dates was this shipment of flour made?

3. What was the destination of this flour shipment?

4. Was payment for this flour made by cash settlement or under credit arrangements and, if so, what was the nature of the credit arrangements?

5. What was the approximate value of the flour shipment?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): 1. This sale of flour was made by private flour milling firms in March 1969 in accordance with a general sales contract between the Canadian Wheat Board and V/O Exportkhlleb. The flour trade's operations are of a commercial nature and it is not the policy of the Government to reveal the precise date or price of flour sales contracts.

2. The flour was shipped in the period from April, 1969 to December, 1969.

3. The flour was shipped to Cuba.

4. Payment was on a cash basis.

5. The flour shipped under this contract was valued at approximately \$19 million.

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Questions

MANAGERIAL PERSONNEL, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK

Question No. 776—Mr. Fortin:

1. How many of the top management of the Industrial Development Bank are (a) English-speaking (b) French-speaking (c) bilingual?

2. What is the language policy of the IDB?

3. What is the interest yield on the capital invested by the IDB for each of the past five years?

4. (a) Who is the auditor for the IDB (b) how much is he paid (c) is it intended that the Auditor General of Canada be appointed as auditor for the IDB?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1 and 2. It has not been the practice nor is it considered appropriate to answer questions regarding the internal administration of the Industrial Development Bank.

3. Rate of return on Capital plus Reserve Fund, Year ended September 30, 1965, 1.73 per cent; 1966, 0.92 per cent; 1967, 1.03 per cent; 1968, 1.18 per cent; 1969, 0.54 per cent.

4. (a) J. René de Cotret, C.A. of René de Cotret & Cie; T. C. Kinnear, F.C.A. of Price Waterhouse & Co. (b) \$9,500 each. (c) No.

PUBLIC HOUSING RENTAL FORMULA, MULGRAVE PARK, HALIFAX

Question No. 829—Mr. McCleave:

1. What is the formula used to set rents for public housing in the Federal-Provincial-Municipal partnership at Mulgrave Park, Halifax?

2. Is this formula standard with formulae in other provinces and, if not, what are the variations?

3. (a) What is the rent formula used at Mulgrave Park when tenants supplement their regular incomes with part-time work (b) is this formula in general use elsewhere and, if not, what exceptions are there?

4. Has consideration been given to waiving the rental exaction on overtime earnings when such have been earned beyond a 2,000 hour working period in any one year?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): 1. Rental rates in the Federal-Provincial-Municipal project at Mulgrave Park, Halifax, are set in accordance with the rent-to-income scale.

2. The rent-to-income scale used in the Mulgrave Park project is the standard scale used by all provinces.

3. (a) Earnings from the part-time work of a tenant in the Mulgrave Park project are added to the regular income of the tenant and the rentals are established, in accordance with the rent-to-income scale, on the combined earnings; (b) The same procedure for part-time earnings is applicable to all other projects.