

b) The program proposals will apply to the current Government Employees' Compensation Act clients (Federal Public Service and some Crown Agencies). It will not be expanded to the Atomic Energy Control Board jurisdiction.

c) The date of implementation, if there are significant changes, has yet to be determined.

VIA RAIL SCHEDULE

Question No. 156—**Mr. Milliken:**

When does Via Rail intend to publish its new schedule consequent upon the cuts announced by the Minister of Transport?

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Transport): The management of VIA Rail Canada Inc. advises as follows:

VIA's new schedule, effective January 15, 1990, will be available in the last week of December 1989.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 84 and 106 could be made Orders for Return, the returns would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Questions Nos. 84 and 106 be deemed to have been made Orders for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

WESTERN DIVERSIFICATION FUND

Question No. 84—**Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):**

1. Since the creation of the Western Diversification Fund, what was the total amount of funds dispersed?

2. What were the names of the companies who benefited and, in each case, by year, the amount involved and the purpose?

Return tabled.

MEMBERS OF VISIBLE MINORITIES

Question No. 106—**Ms. Mitchell:**

Government Orders

1. For all years for which records are available, under Employment Equity legislation (a) what is the number (b) what is the percentage of jobs held by visible minority persons in the private sector (i) by sex representation (ii) by age representation (iii) by occupational category (iv) by provincial breakdown (v) by year in total (c) what are the government employment targets for visible minorities?

2. For all years for which figures are kept (a) what is the number (b) what is the percentage of jobs held by visible minority persons in government departments (i) by sex representation (ii) by age representation (iii) By occupational category (iv) by department (v) by year in total (c) what are the employment targets for visible minorities by department?

3. Do any Crown Corporations have visible minority members on their boards of directors and, if so (a) which ones (b) in what percentage?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration) moved that Bill C-21, an act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act and the Employment and Immigration Department and Commission Act, be read the third time and passed.

She said: I am very pleased to begin this final stage of debate on Bill C-21, an act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. It was last April when I first rose in the House to announce the government's labour force development strategy and our intention to amend the UI act as an integral part of that strategy.

Since then hon. members have spent some considerable time in this House and in committee debating the new directions, the priorities, and the merits of the labour force development strategy.

[Translation]

A legislative committee to consider Bill C-21 was struck and held its first organization meeting in June this year. At the time, opposition Members proposed a travel schedule that was approved without changes by government Members. At the suggestion of the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (Mr. Allmand), the committee did not travel right away but spent two preparatory months getting acquainted with the contents of the Bill