

Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,662 and 4,669.

[Text]

CIVILIAN SECURITY AGENCY

Question No. 4,652—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. Is the new civilian security agency now engaged in hiring staff?
2. Is it the policy of the agency to hire staff from among unsolicited applicants and, if so, what precautions are taken to protect the Agency from penetration by foreign agents?
3. Is it the policy of the agency to administer so-called lie detector tests to all employees of the agency?
4. On what date will the new agency become operational?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): 1. Since the new agency does not yet exist, no action is being taken to hire staff. Applications for employment with the agency, once established, are being acknowledged by the Security Intelligence Transitional Group.

When in a position to hire, the agency will endeavour to seek qualified personnel from inside and outside of Government. It will, through exacting security screening and staffing procedures, ensure to the greatest degree possible, that the agency is staffed by individuals whose loyalty to Canada is beyond doubt.

3. There is no policy to administer lie detector tests to agency employees. However, the use of such tests is being studied so that decisions may be taken on whether to incorporate it as part of the over-all agency security screening process.

4. A date has yet to be fixed for the new agency to become operational.

EM & R—SURVEY OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Question No. 4,669—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

Was a survey to determine the energy consumption of various commercial, industrial and institutional buildings in Canada conducted for the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and, if so (a) how many buildings were included in the survey (b) was a comparison done between government-owned or occupied buildings and privately-run buildings (c) what was the cost of the study and what were the major expense items (d) who performed the study?

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: No. (a)—(d) Not applicable.

[English]

Mr. Peterson: I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Income Tax

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker: Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 58, I do now leave the chair for the House to go into Committee of the Whole.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX

AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE LAW

The House resumed consideration in Committee of Bill C-139, to amend the statute law relating to income tax (No. 2)—**Mr. Lalonde—Mr. Blaker** in the chair.

On Clauses 8, 9 and 128(12):

Mr. Cosgrove: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order to request whether there is unanimous consent of Members to permit notaries in the Province of Quebec to be added as exempt professions from the requirement of reporting work in progress. I am advised that this will be met with agreement by the profession.

The Deputy Chairman: The Committee has heard the proposal made by the Minister of State (Finance) seeking unanimous consent for the suggestion to which he has referred. Is there unanimous consent?

Mr. Blenkarn: Mr. Chairman, there will be ample time for this Parliament to deal with the amendment required. Therefore, at this time—

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. There is only one issue and that is whether or not there is unanimous consent.

Mr. Blenkarn: At this point, Mr. Chairman, there is not unanimous consent. There will be ample time in this Parliament to deal with that matter.

The Deputy Chairman: The Hon. Member for Calgary West had the floor prior to the luncheon break.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Chairman, I thank the Hon. Member for Mississauga South for trying to keep this Bill on track and Members on the subject.

Prior to lunch I had asked the Minister a question. Unfortunately, there was not enough time for a response, so I will repeat it. If we were to put \$2 billion into Small Business Development Bonds, or put \$2 billion into the survival type bonds with which we are dealing today, or put \$2 billion into Petro-Canada, which of these three types of public expenditure would lead to the most tax revenue for the Government of Canada?

Mr. Cosgrove: Mr. Chairman, if I accept the Hon. Member's admonishment, with which he began his remarks,