

*Routine Proceedings*

purposes, there is no minimum gross sales requirement to be considered a farm.

Question No. 491—**Mr. Worthy:**

How many persons are employed by the Department of Agriculture and what is their average salary and cost of the total payroll?

**Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of Agriculture):**

Fiscal Year	Person Years	Average Salary	Total Cost of Payroll
1992-1993 (estimate)	11,477	\$52,846	\$606,520,000
1993-1994 (estimate)	11,865	\$50,638	\$600,822,000

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

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**QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS**

**Mr. Peter L. McCreath (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, if Questions Nos. 381, 386 and 450 could be made Orders for Returns, the returns would be tabled immediately.

[Text]

Question No. 381—**Mr. Fisher:**

With regard to the dollar value of government advertising since January 1, 1992, what has been the value of placement of advertising by each department, body or agency in (a) each daily newspaper or chain in Canada (b) each radio station or network in Canada, and (c) each television station or network in Canada?

Return tabled.

Question No. 386—**Mr. Karygiannis:**

With respect to the Interstate Unemployment Insurance Claims agreement (a) since 1988, how many non Canadian citizens living outside of Canada have received benefits (b) how much has been received by these beneficiaries (c) how much was collected in U.I. premiums from these people (d) in what states do the recipients live (e) what is the anticipated cost of providing interstate U.I. benefits to Mexican seasonal agricultural workers?

Return tabled.

Question No. 450—**Mr. Brewin:**

For each year since January 1985, has the Department of National Defence incurred expenses for public affairs and related matters and, if so (a) how much (b) were outside contracts awarded and, if so (i) to whom (ii) when (iii) for what purpose (c) how many person years are involved in such matters?

Return tabled.

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Is it the pleasure of the House that Questions Nos. 381, 386 and 450 be deemed to have been made Orders for Returns.

Some hon. members: Agreed.

**Mr. McCreath:** Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Dingwall:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. You will recall that on Thursday, April 29, in *Hansard* at page 18638, I rose on a point of order with regard to Questions on the Order Paper.

I indicated to the Chair that an inordinate period of time had elapsed in which the government did not respond to the questions put on the Order Paper for ministers and departments to respond to.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw to your attention Question on the Order Paper No. 307, which stands in the name of my colleague from Ottawa South. It goes back to April 27, 1992, and 371 days have elapsed.

Question No. 317 in the name of my colleague from Acadie—Bathurst is dated May 4, 1992 and 364 days have elapsed. On Question No. 318, 364 days have elapsed. Question No. 326 in the name of my colleague from Acadie—Bathurst is dated May 14, 1992, and 354 days have elapsed.

Finally, Question No. 328 in the name of my colleague from Egmont is dated May 15, 1992, and 353 days have elapsed.

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I would suggest with respect that members of the cabinet are showing contempt of this Parliament, are demonstrating disrespect to the Chair, and are in violation of the Standing Orders of this House. As we know, as all members know, the normal time frame in which to respond is 45 days. There is no excuse for ministers of the Crown to be running off across the country doing whatever they have to do in terms of their departmental responsibilities but thumbing their noses at you, Mr. Speaker.