

*Order Paper Questions*

Committee meetings being held at the Museum of Anthropology.

(c) None.

ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES

Question No. 1,758—**Mr. Stevens:**

For the current fiscal year, what are the estimated expenditures of the Department of Public Works for (a) advertising (b) free or subsidized publications (c) other information conveyed to the public?

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works):** The estimated expenditures of Public Works Canada are as follows: (a) Advertising \$205,500; (b) Publications \$223,733.63; (c) Other Information \$43,831.

FRENCH LANGUAGE ONLY LABELLING

Question No. 1,860—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Is the government aware that free milk is being distributed to school children in waxed milk cartons bearing the French language only in the province of Quebec and, if so (a) who is responsible for distributing such cartons (b) is it the government's intention to protest to the government of Quebec the absence of English on the cartons and what further action, if any, will be taken?

**Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General):** Under the requirements of the Food and Drug Regulations, locally-produced products can be unilingually labelled on the condition that they are distributed within a local government unit that does not have a population of more than 10 per cent of the second official language group. A local government unit means a city, metropolitan government area, town, village, municipality, or other area of local government. Within the boundaries of a local government unit as described above, many areas in Quebec will qualify for unilingual labelling in the French language only.

Under the requirements of the Consumer Packaging and Labelling Regulations, a product such as milk distributed on a free basis to schools would be exempt from the language requirement.

WELLAND CANAL—TRANSIT TIME

Question No. 1,944—**Mr. Benjamin:**

What is the time in transit through locks of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, including those on the Welland Canal, for the months of July, August, September, October and November, 1980, compared with the same months in 1979?

**Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The St. Lawrence Seaway Authority advises as follows:

	Time in Transit (Hours)			
	St. Lawrence Section		Welland Section	
	1979	1980	1979	1980
July	20.4	26.4	12.2	14.7
August	21.1	20.4	12.5	14.8
September	20.5	20.5	12.6	12.2
October	21.6	22.8	17.4	14.3
November	23.9	21.2	49.0	20.7

Transit time data is averaged by periods of four weeks rather than by months. The above table provides average times for the four-week period which most closely corresponds to the months in question.

PETRO-CANADA OIL PURCHASES

Question No. 2,005—**Mr. Wilson:**

1. Were instructions given by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to Petro-Canada regarding the amount of oil which should be purchased by the corporation on a direct state-to-state contract and, if so, what were they?

2. Does this policy extend to an instruction to the Canadian subsidiaries of multinationals to divide their purchasing between direct purchases from exporting countries and purchasing through the networks of affiliates and, if so, what was the instruction?

3. What proportion of Canada's total imports has the government authorized Petro-Canada to purchase on a state-to-state contract and over what period of time is the authorization in force?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** 1. No estimates have been given by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to Petro-Canada regarding the amount of oil which should be purchased by the corporation on a direct state-to-state contract. However, Petro-Canada has been directed through an order in council to be responsible for the purchase of the Mexican crude oil and the direction of the transportation of the crude to Canada.

2. There has been no instruction to the Canadian subsidiaries of multinationals to divide their purchasing between direct purchases from exporting countries and purchasing through the networks of affiliates. In order to ensure equitable distribution and obligation in the matter of imports of Mexican crude under the Mexican program, the federal government has utilized a system of allocation.

3. The federal government has not taken any position with respect to a specific level or proportion of crude oil imports that should be developed on a state-to-state basis.

NOTE: The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources is continually reviewing trends and circumstances evolving in international crude supply and evaluating in what direction oil import policy should develop.

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**Madam Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.