Order Paper Questions

Mr. Mazankowski: Transferred to Government Orders.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Transferred to Government Orders.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 34 and 38

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Did I hear the Parliamentary Secretary accurately? Did he say Questions Nos. 34 and 38?

Mr. Lewis: Questions Nos. 34 and 38.

Mr. Gauthier: I regret to inform him that we were not given notice of those questions. We were given notice of Questions Nos. 25 and 29 today. I am just wondering whether the Parliamentary Secretary could get the numbers out so that we know which questions are being answered.

Mr. Lewis: The following questions will be answered today: Nos. 25 and 29.

[Text]

DND—TRIBAL UPDATE AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Question No. 25—Mr. McKinnon:

What was the total estimated cost in budget year dollars in 1983 of the Tribal Update and Modernization Program (TRUMP) and what is the current estimated total cost in budget year dollars?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence): The 1983 preliminary estimate was \$923M (budget year) based on conceptual (but still not defined) capability options. Current Treasury Board budget approval after definition phase, at contract, is \$1,624.8M.

The reason for the difference between the two figures is that the 1983 figure was a preliminary estimate prior to defining the equipment necessary to meet the capability requirement and the current figure is a ceiling price based on a contractual commitment to undertake and complete the modernization.

ADMISSION OF REFUGEES TO CANADA

Ouestion No. 29-Mr. Stackhouse:

1. In 1985 and the period January to September 1986, did any persons seek admission as refugees at Canadian points of entry and, if so, how many?

2. How many were granted status?

3. (a) How many were refused status (b) how many appealed such refusal and how many appeals were (i) completed (ii) upheld?

Hon. Gerry Weiner (Minister of State (Immigration)): 1. From January 1, 1985 to September 1, 1986, the total number of persons in Canada seeking status as convention refugees was 15.150.

2. Two thousand, one hundred and fifty-seven refugee claimants were determined to be refugees by the Refugee Status Advisory Committee (RSAC).

3. (a) 4,605 refugee claimants were not determined to be refugees by the RSAC.

(b) 2,854 refugee claimants who received negative RSAC decisions appealed to the Immigration Appeal Board (IAB) for redetermination of their claims.

(i) The IAB completed 404* redetermination appeals.

(ii) In those cases where the IAB rendered a decision during the time in question, they upheld the RSAC determination 302 times.

*Includes allowance to proceed to hearing, dismissals for want of perfection and dismissals for want of prosecution as well as positive and negative decisions.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

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

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order to bring a question to the attention of the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and to ask for his assistance.

I have had a question on the Order Paper for a considerable amount of time. It relates to the Shamrock Summit in Quebec City. It was there under the old rules. It was transferred to the 45 days under the new rules. The time lapsed at the end of June, and it was reintroduced in September. The 45 day point is certainly very near if it has not passed already.

In view of the fact that the question has been on the Order Paper for over a year, would the Parliamentary Secretary, in the spirit of the new rules of the House, give a commitment on when the answer will be forthcoming?

Mr. Lewis: Soon, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.