

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

review plan, which is a pay group of the civil service. They would presumably receive any increase in salary at the time the group D cyclical review was decided upon and made applicable to the civil service at large.

**Mr. Knowles:** Mr. Speaker, can the minister say when that will be, and to what date any such increases will be retroactive?

**Mr. McIlraith:** It is very difficult at this stage to give a date when the determination will be made, but I would think that in the normal course it should be late this coming winter or early next spring. The group D pay changes are effective as of October 1, 1964; but I should add that some of the related groups in the House of Commons staff may have different effective pay adjustment dates. Therefore that pay date should not be taken as applicable to all the groups in the House of Commons; it should only be taken as the applicable date for the civil service.

**Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the President of the Privy Council mind informing the house why on some occasions when he is asked questions about salary increases for the House of Commons staff he answers them, and on other occasions he indicates that it is not his responsibility to answer?

**Mr. McIlraith:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to do that. I can do so by reading to the hon. member citation 184 of Beauchesne's fourth edition, which reads this way:

Standing order 39 does not allow questions addressed to the Speaker. If however members write to the Speaker and inquire about matters placed under his control, he is bound to give the information required.

Bearing in mind that rule, I have tried not to abuse it; but the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre was able, in framing his question, to sufficiently relate it to the cyclical pay reviews of the civil service, which is a matter of my responsibility as a minister, to put his question in order, and I therefore answered his question.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Knowles:** But these people will have to live a long while to get their increases.

QUEBEC ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT RESPECTING MEMBER FOR NOTRE DAME DE GRÂCE

On the orders of the day:

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the right hon. Prime Minister?

Has the Prime Minister read the report of the royal commission set up by the provincial government in which the hon. member for Notre Dame de Grâce (Mr. Asselin) is accused of having realized an illegal and unreasonable profit out of a transaction with the Protestant school board of the city of Montreal?

Does the Prime Minister intend to carry out the recommendations contained in this report?

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**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That question is out of order. It was ruled upon by the Chair I believe at least a month ago.

CONSIDERATION OF SHORT ADJOURNMENT DURING ROYAL VISIT

On the orders of the day:

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether the Prime Minister is in a position to give an answer, but in view of the fact that the Queen's visit will begin very shortly and naturally he and other hon. members of the house would be desirous of participating in welcoming the Queen in Prince Edward Island, in Quebec and also in Ottawa, has the government given any consideration to a few days of non-session by this house; or is it his purpose to continue the session right through?

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, so far as welcoming the Queen is concerned, the fact that the house is in session will give more members an opportunity to meet and welcome the Queen than if the house were not in session. So far as a recess is concerned, I think we will have to wait and see what progress we make on the measures now before the house.

AGRICULTURE

APPLICATION OF P.F.A.A. TO WESTERN CROPS

On the orders of the day:

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. Not having