

proposal put forward by the all-Party Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration and supported by such national groups as the Canadian Council of Churches, the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Bar Association and other groups.

They ask that Parliament enact legislation which will embody the principles of fair and quick oral hearings of refugee claimants before a refugee board independent of the Immigration Commission, universal access to such hearings by the claimant in Canada, and adequate opportunity to arrive in Canada to make this claim.

This brings to more than 1,650 the number of petitions received on this subject.

Finally, Madam Speaker, I have a petition from people in many parts of Canada concerned that the Government's Bill C-55 would threaten Canada's traditional commitment of assistance to refugees because it sets out measures designed to keep most refugee claimants out of the country as opposed to ensuring that genuine refugee claimants are given protection.

Therefore, they petition Parliament to ensure that Bill C-55 will be withdrawn and that a new Bill will be brought in embodying the principles of fair and quick oral hearings of claims of refugees before a refugee board independent of the Immigration Commission, universal access to these hearings for every applicant in Canada, and the right to appeal on the basis of fact.

This brings to more than 820 the number of petitions received on this subject.

Questions on the Order Paper

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): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 84, 85 and 144.

[Text]

WESTBANK INDIAN BAND

Question No. 84—Mr. King:

1. For the fiscal years 1985-86 and 1986-87 to date, did the Westbank Indian Band receive funds from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and, if so, for each year, by program, in what amounts?

2. For the fiscal year 1986-87 to date, have funds been agreed upon which remain unpaid and, if so, by program, in what amounts?

3. If the difference for any program between funds received in 1985-86 and funds received plus those yet to be received in 1986-87 is greater than 10 per cent, what is the reason for the difference?

4. Have new contribution agreements been signed by the Westbank Indian Band during the 1986-87 fiscal year to date, and, if so (a) what are they (b) which of these replace previous agreements?

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. In fiscal years 1985/86 and 1986/87 the Westbank Indian Band did receive funds from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development as follows (\$000's):

Program	Actual 85/86	Paid to Feb. 28/87	To be paid 86/87	Total 86/87	Per Cent Change
Social Development	1053.2	1036.4	—	1036.4	(2%)
Education	83.6	75.7	18.0	93.7	12%
Band Government	181.7	167.0	17.0	184.0	1%
Community Infrastructure	50.3	45.0	3.0	48.0	(5%)
Economic Development	56.9	67.9	—	67.9	19%
Lands & Membership	241.7	98.1	—	98.1	(59.4%)
Capital	70.0	129.4	17.6	147.0	110%
Total	1737.4	1619.5	55.6	1675.1	

2. \$55.6 to be paid, see breakdown by program in above table.

3. Reason for difference of funding in any program between 1985/86 and 1986/87 exceeding 10 per cent is as follows:

Program	Per Cent Difference	Reason
Education	12%	Increase in the number of post-secondary students due to Bill C-3
Economic Development	19%	Project specific funding greater in 86/87
Lands & Membership	(59.4%)	173.7 funding from H.Q. for land management not allocated in 86/87; also Sec. 53 and 60 authority granted in 85/86 so start up funding provided in 85/86 not provided in 86/87.
Capital	110%	Project specific funding greater in 1986/87.