

Questions

in line with the policy objectives outlined in the statement which I made to the house on October 24, 1968.

[English]

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FORECASTING

Question No. 1,051—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. Does the Department of Manpower and Immigration undertake economic forecasting on employment opportunities in Canada?

2. If so, (a) what are the Department's forecasts for employment opportunities in Canada, and in the five main regions of Canada, i.e., British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces, in the next three months, six months and twelve months (b) what are the Department's forecasts of unemployment rates, seasonally adjusted, for Canada and for the five main regions of Canada, i.e., British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces, in the next three months, six months and twelve months?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. Yes. These forecasts are for internal purposes only and are not released to the public.

2. N/A.

*ACCESS TO NATIONAL GALLERY

Question No. 1,096—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Is the National Gallery open to the Public seven days a week?

2. Has a decision been taken to close the Gallery to the Public on one day each week (a) if so, on what day (b) for what reason?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):

1. Yes. It is closed on Christmas Day.

2. No. (a) Not applicable; (b) Not applicable.

[English]

*ACCESS TO NATIONAL MUSEUM

Question No. 1,097—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Are all branches of the National Museum open to the public seven days a week?

2. If not, which branches are on less than a seven day program and on what days are they closed?

3. What is the reason for the part-time operation?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): 1. All branches except the Museum of Science and Technology operate on a seven day week, closing only on Christmas Day.

[Mr. Pelletier.]

2. The Museum of Science and Technology is closed on Mondays.

3. The heavy program of public participation, including that of the schools, requires a free day a week for maintenance of plant and exhibits.

REQUEST FOR WHEAT BY IVORY COAST

Question No. 1,104—**Mr. Godin:**

1. When was the Canadian Government visited by the representative of the Ivory Coast who submitted a request for a shipment of wheat?

2. Did this visitor have identification papers?

3. Has there since been any official correspondence between the two countries on this matter?

[Translation]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Canadian government was visited during late November by a representative of the Ivory Coast (of whose credentials the government was satisfied) who submitted a request for a quantity of wheat as food aid. Subsequently there were exchanges between representatives of the two governments concerning the details of this request.

[English]

WHEAT SHIPMENTS TO NIGER

Question No. 1,106—**Mr. Godin:**

Did the Canadian Government recently send 20,000 tons of wheat to Niger on one of that country's ships?

[Translation]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The vessel which carried 18,705 metric tons of wheat for Niger was of Norwegian registry and under charter to Saguenay Terminals Ltd. of Montreal.

[English]

INTEREST RATES AND PROFITS OF CHARTERED BANKS

Question No. 1,109—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

1. What were the interest rates of each of the chartered banks, for each year since 1956?

2. What were the net profits declared by each chartered bank, for each year since 1956?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. The rates of interest charged by each bank on its loans and paid by each bank on its deposits are not available for the period 1956-1968. The average rates charged on all loans