

this nature, more than one member of the staff of the Centre was involved in each study. Items numbered 26 to 31 inclusive are being done by outside consultants under contract. The consultant for each contract is named and the status of completion of each study has been shown so far as is possible at this time.

STUDIES BY ECONOMICS BRANCH,
NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

Question No. 88—**Mr. Thomson:**

1. For the fiscal years 1968-69 and 1969-70, what specific research studies have been undertaken by the Economics Branch of the National Energy Board?

2. Who are the individuals involved in these studies and when is it anticipated that these studies will be completed?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): National Energy Board advises: 1. The Economics Branch of the National Energy Board has contributed to a number of research studies undertaken by the staff of the Board. Such studies are in most cases directed to meet the internal needs of the Board and the government. A study, "Energy Supply and Demand Balances: 1955-1967" was published during 1968-69 and a supplement to this publication was published during 1969-70. The Economics Branch has also made a substantial contribution to the preparation of a long-term energy forecast, "Energy Supply and Demand in Canada and Export Demand for Canadian Energy: 1966 to 1990", which has just been published.

2. Research studies involve members of the staff of the National Energy Board other than those of the Economics Branch. It would not be meaningful, therefore, to name those associated with economic research studies at the Board.

CABINET COMMITTEE ON ADVERTISING

Question No. 97—**Mr. Mather:**

1. Is there a government cabinet committee on advertising by the Government of Canada and if so, who are the members of this committee?

2. Is the President of the Treasury Board, the Chairman of this committee?

3. What are the specific functions of this committee?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): At the present time there is

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no committee on advertising within the Cabinet structure, but the Government is reviewing the recommendations of the Task Force on Information, including the recommendation that "a committee of Ministers be charged with the task of developing effective information policies and facilitating a more coherent and economical approach by the executive to the federal information function".

NATIONAL FILM BOARD BUDGET

Question No. 121—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What is the 1969-70 fiscal budget of the National Film Board?

2. What is the current staff of the National Film Board?

3. How many staff members are expected to be affected by the current budget freeze?

4. How much time notice has been given to those staff members due to be laid off?

5. How much compensation has been given to those staff members affected by the NFB reduction?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the National Film Board as follows: 1. \$16,701,000.

2. Full time, 1006; part time, 29; Total 1035.

3. Full time staff will be reduced by 35 by January 15, 1970 and by a further 55 by March 15, 1970. The reduction will be effected as far as possible by attrition (resignations), the balance by lay-off.

4. Three months.

5. Severance pay at the rate of one week's salary for each year of service is paid to laid off employees who have at least one year of service in some cases, or at least four years of service in others, depending on the terms of the applicable collective agreement.

APPLICATIONS FOR REMISSION OF
DUTIES ON MACHINERY

Question No. 124—**Mr. Benjamin:**

1. How many applications have been received by the Machinery and Equipment Advisory Board for the remission of duties on machinery imported into Canada?

2. How many applications have been rejected?

3. What is the value of the applications approved and the applications rejected?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): For the period January 1, 1968 to October 31, 1969: 1. 33,659.

2. 3,904.