NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PUBLIC WORKS

OIL AND GAS—AUTHORITY FOR STANDING COMMITTEE TO ADJOURN FROM PLACE TO PLACE IN CANADA AND ALASKA, U.S.A.

On the order: Government notices of motion:

The President of the Privy Council: That the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works be authorized to study the questions of oil and gas pipelines and the supply of oil and natural gas from frontier areas; that the members of the committee be empowered to adjourn from place to place in Canada and in Alaska, U.S.A., during the month of September, 1975; and that the necessary support staff do accompany them.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this government notice of motion stands transferred to and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

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FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF ANNUAL REPORT OF FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING CORPORATION

On the order: Government notices of motion:

The Minister of State (Fisheries)—That the annual report of the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation for the year 1973-74, tabled February 11, 1975, be referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry for the purpose of hearing representations from the Fundy Weir Fisherman's Association, New Brunswick, and the Independent Gill Net Fishermen of Northern Manitoba.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 2 of Standing Order 21, this government notice of motion stands transferred to Order Paper Questions

and ordered for consideration under government orders at the next sitting of the House.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Charles Turner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,280, 1,294, 2,168, 2,458, 2,552, 2,707, 2,798 and 2,823.

Mr. Speaker, if question 1295 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

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

[Text]

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY— TRAVEL EXPENSES

Question No. 1,280-Mr. Cossitt:

In each fiscal year ending March 31, 1972, 1973 and 1974 and for the nine month period ending December 31, 1974, what were the aggregate expenditures for travel (a) abroad (b) within Canada (i) by the President of the Canadian International Development Agency (ii) by members of the Agency staff who accompanied him on these travels?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs):

(a)	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974 to 31/12/74
	\$24,303.58	\$11,321.58	\$25,204.48	\$9,260.01
(b) (i) (ii)	not available*	not available* '' **	1,783.46 not available**	2,680.45 not available**

* The analysis required to obtain the information requested would be prohibitive in terms of time, manpower and financial resources.

**Mr. Gérin-Lajoie was usually accompanied by a special assistant. Other appropriate CIDA officers, in charge of programmes or projects being carried out in countries or by international organizations being visited, were also present for the parts of the missions related to their specific responsibilities. Since such persons did not usually accompany Mr. Gérin-Lajoie for a complete trip but were combining such a function with other duties, the question cannot be answered without searches which would be prohibitive in terms of time and manpower.

DONATIONS TO SWIMMING POOL

Question No. 1,294-Mr. Cossitt:

1. Is the Prime Minister aware of the report in the Montreal Gazette of January 23, 1975 referring to Dr. W.H. Fader of Toronto as spokesman for the donors to the swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive and quoting him to the effect that a system has been established whereby each donor, including the Prime Minister, will receive receipts for income tax purposes?

2. Is the Prime Minister one of the donors to the pool fund at 24 Sussex Drive and, if so (a) on what date did he commit himself to such a donation (b) what is the amount of such a donation (c) will he be permitted to claim the full amount of this donation as a deduction for income tax purposes?

3. If the government permits deduction of the full amount of the donations to the swimming pool fund for income tax purposes, will this mean that income tax revenues received by the government will be reduced by the full cost of the swimming pool and does this mean that the swimming pool is in reality being paid for by the people of Canada?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Prime Minister's and Privy Council Offices and the Department of National Revenue as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Yes. Whether the Prime Minister will be permitted to claim the full amount of his donation for income tax purposes is a matter for taxation officials to determine under existing legislation.