

FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT (NO. 2)

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. E. F. Whelan (for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-147 to amend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act (No. 2).

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT (NO. 2)

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-148 to amend the Farm Improvement Loans Act (No. 2).

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. E. F. Whelan (for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-149 to amend the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jack Burghardt (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,704 and 4,727.

[Text]

MORTGAGE PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Question No. 4,704—**Mr. MacKay:**

1. What is the Mortgage Portfolio Management System (MPMS)?
2. What were the original objectives of implementing such a system?
3. Which major external consultants were hired to assist in the design and implementation of MPMS and on what basis were these consultants selected?
4. Was there any public tendering for the proposal related to the design and implementation of MPMS and, if so (a) what were the results (b) what were the projected costs and benefits of MPMS as outlined by the successful proponent or proponents?

5. With reference to the answer to question No. 4,380 which stated that a review of the MPMS was underway, is the review now completed and, if so, what were the concrete results of the review?

Order Paper Questions

6. What were/are the number of person-years, either by contract or by regular employment, within the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation committed to MPMS in (a) 1979 (b) 1980 (c) 1981 (d) 1982 (e) 1983?

7. How many persons were hired on a contract basis and, generally speaking, what were the usual terms of such contracts?

8. What has been the cumulative capital and operating costs to date for the design and implementation of MPMS?

9. What have been the cumulative costs related to (a) the design and purchase of MPMS software (b) the purchase or leasing of computer hardware?

10. What are the terms of any purchase or lease of computer hardware?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works): I am informed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows:

1 and 2. Mortgage Portfolio Management System (MPMS) was to be a major business information system undertaking, employing current data processing technology. The system was to embrace most of CMHC's business operations and to include a new major supporting financial system together with vastly improved management information systems.

3. Industrial Life—Technical Services (IST), Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Stevenson, Kellogg, Ducros, Meilleur, Roy & Associés Ltée. (DMR), La Fontaine, Gauthier & Shatner, These consultants were selected on the basis of their recognized expertise and capabilities for specific assignments in this field.

4. No.

5. (a) No. (b) Not applicable.

6. MPMS staff-year distribution.

Year	Corporate	Non-corporate	Total
1979	16	39	55
1980	35	48	83
1981	78	87	165
1982—June 30	41	17	58
1983—None			

7. Within the above non-corporate staff years, persons are hired on contract basis with terms varying between three to 12 months.

8. To mid-1982, \$18M was spent on design and development of MPMS.

9. (a) See part 8 above. (b) A further \$5.9M was expended for improvements to CMHC's computer hardware and infrastructure required to support MPMS as well as other systems development initiatives. This upgraded capability continues to be used to satisfy many of the Corporation's data processing requirements.

10. The mainframe is rented on a month-to-month basis. This can be terminated on "90 day" notice. Peripheral equipment and terminals are leased on a one to five-year term.

NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM ON FUEL SUBSTITUTION

Question No. 4,727—**Mr. Gurbini:**

1. By year, what amount did departments expend under the National Energy Program of Fuel Substitution to promote propane in transportation?