

Order Paper Questions

amount of income tax attributable to the taxable portion of capital gains for the taxation years 1972 through 1975. Total tax revenues can be obtained for fiscal years from the public accounts. The estimates are as follows:

	1972	1973	1974 (\$)	1975	1972-1975 Total
1. Income tax revenue attributable to capital gains	\$70	130	150	190	540
2. Total tax revenues	\$14,704	17,133	22,328	26,297	80,462
3. Revenue from capital gains as a percentage of total tax revenues	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7

It should be noted that the estimates for revenue from capital gains includes gains realized by both individuals and corporations. The estimates for revenue from capital gains refer to taxation years, while the figures for total tax revenues refer to fiscal years. While the two time concepts differ considerably, it is unlikely that this difference in time period significantly affects the percentage given in line three of the table. Total tax revenues include personal and corporate income tax, sales tax, excise taxes and duties and other miscellaneous taxes.

POSTAGE METERS

Question No. 1,707—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the government approach Pitney-Bowes, manufacturer of postage meters, suggesting that they make available to the public, slugs for Pitney-Bowes postage meters promoting national unity and, if so (a) on what date (b) who made the approach (c) who made the decision to do so?

2. To the knowledge of the government, what are the names of all the other manufacturers of postage meters in Canada and, in each case, were they approached in a similar fashion and, if not, for what reason?

3. Does the government favour one particular manufacturer of postage meters?

Hon. J.-Gilles Lamontagne (Postmaster General): 1. The suggestion of using postage meter dies for promoting national unity was made by the representatives of the Canadian Unity Information Office, Secretary of State Department, during conversation with officials of the Post Office Department. Because it is the largest manufacturer of postage meters, Pitney Bowes of Canada Limited was asked by the assistant deputy postmaster general, marketing to assist in developing the idea. The program was developed over a two month period, and Pitney Bowes was supplied their allocation of promotional materials on May 11.

2. The other manufacturers of postage meters in Canada are Friden, Roneo Vickers, and Postalia. They were made aware of the national unity promotion on May 18 and asked if they wished to participate. They were supplied with materials on May 23. The reason they were not approached earlier was that they do not maintain an ongoing business contact with Post Office headquarters and they supply a relatively small portion of the market.

[Mr. Lumley.]

3. The government does not favour one particular manufacturer of postage meters. It has, in fact, encouraged the three smaller manufacturers to improve their communication and contact with Canada Post and has offered to give them thorough background briefings on areas of Post Office business that would be of interest to them.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 1,709—**Mr. Brisco:**

1. Is the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Fisheries and the Environment aware of the research being conducted by Mr. John Evans of Memorial University, St. John's, Newfoundland, into improving soil condition and the growth of vegetables, etc?

2. Has any department been asked to fund any of this research and, if so, was funding provided and (a) if so, in what amount (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): In so far as Agriculture Canada is concerned:

1. Yes.

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

In so far as the Department of Fisheries and the Environment is concerned: 1. No.

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

EXPORTATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON EGGS

Question No. 1,713—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Did the government give permission to Union Carbide Limited, to export British Columbia salmon eggs to some of their subsidiaries abroad and, if so, on what date, under whose authority and what are all the other pertinent details?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and the Environment): No.

CENTURION TANKS

Question No. 1,715—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. (a) How many of the Department of National Defence's old centurion tanks are still in existence (b) how many have been sold and (i) to whom (ii) for what price (c) what does the government plan to do with the remainder?

2. What conditions, if any, has the government placed on the sale of the tanks already disposed of, and what conditions, if any, does the government intend to place on the sale of those not yet disposed of?

3. Has there been any agent acting for either the purchaser or the government in any way connected with the sales of the centurion tanks and, if so, who or what was the agent, and what was the total amount paid or payable in fees to such an agent?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Supply and Services as follows: 1. (1) 235. (b) 89 tanks (i) GLS/Gesellschaft für legistischen Service mbH, Germany (ii) average price is \$12,025.00, based on revenues to date (c) Crown Assets Disposal Corporation will sell tanks as they are declared surplus. (c) 140 tanks have been declared surplus to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation with the remaining 95 being retained by the department for range targets and/or monuments.