

*Order Paper Questions*

## 1. Proposals to Acquire Control of Canadian-Controlled Businesses

Year	Received & Certified	Processed	Approved number of applications	Rejected	Withdrawn	Pending at Year End
1975	90	106	70	18	18	22
1976	66	69	49	11	9	19
1977	134	124	110	7	7	29
1978	166	153	133	13	7	42
1979	172	185	165	7	13	29

## 2. No.

3. The government accepts and acknowledges representations by alternative Canadian buyers. When it can be demonstrated that a competing Canadian bid is bona fide and credible, the existence of such an alternative is taken into consideration in the decision on whether to allow or disallow the foreign acquisition proposal.

4. No. The government and the agency could not seek alternative Canadian buyers without contravening section 14 of the act.

5. Figures on net worth are not maintained; however, assets are.

Year	Value of assets of Approved Acquisition Cases (\$000,000's)
1975	386.9
1976	201.0
1977	301.3
1978	963.0
1979	441.4

## POST OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

Question No. 1,717—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What was the total cost of publishing the Post Office Annual Report and how many copies were published for the fiscal year (a) 1978-79 (b) 1979-80?
2. For the same years, what was the name and address of the printer?

**Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General):**

1.	Cost	Quantity
(a) 1978-79	\$2,840.00	3,500
(b) 1979-80	\$4,228.00	2,500
2.	Supply and Services Canada	
1978-79	Supply and Services Canada	
1979-80	Supply and Services Canada	

## INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE

Question No. 1,723—**Mr. Murta:**

1. Was the guest list, for the tenth anniversary celebrations of the International Development Research Centre held in Ottawa, October 30, 1980, by invitation only?
2. How many persons attended the party?
3. What was the total cost to the taxpayer for the celebration?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** The International Development Research Centre replies as follows:

1. Yes.
2. 106.
3. \$3,043.36.

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON FIRA

Question No. 1,727—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. Is it the intention of the government to revive the select committee on Foreign Investment Review?
2. Has the government investigated any previous submissions from business that the FIRA forms are too (a) lengthy (b) complicated to complete?
3. In the past six months, have any of the FIRA application forms been streamlined and, if not, is the government considering steps to review existing application and reporting forms with a view to making them easier to understand and complete?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned:

1. No.
2. The Foreign Investment Review Agency has, from time to time, examined the form and content of forms provided for filing notice under the Foreign Investment Review Act. In this examination the agency took into account general observations by businessmen and others concerning the suitability of the forms and the information requirements prescribed by regulation. In 1977, important changes in the regulations governing the procedures for application under the act were implemented which have minimized the administrative burden placed upon applicants and streamlined the internal processing within the government.
3. A thorough review of the forms and the information requirements specified by regulations was completed by the agency earlier this year and changes to both were prepared. These changes have however been held in abeyance pending consideration of any further changes that might be considered necessary by the present government.