INSPECTION OF MECHANICAL FITNESS OF INTERPROVINCIAL TRANSPORTS

Question No. 403-Mr. Mather:

Are checks by federal inspectors carried out on commercial interprovincial trucks and buses in highway use and, if so (a) what percentage of checked vehicles have been found to have mechanical deficiencies (b) are such vehicles ordered out of service until the deficiencies are corrected?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Federal government inspectors do not check the mechanical condition of commercial trucks and buses in interprovincial operations as regulation of the mechanical fitness of such vehicles is a provincial responsibility.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT—SAFETY STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO TIRES

Question No. 405-Mr. Mather:

In line with motor vehicle safety standards, are tire dealers required to complete a written record of the purchaser's name and address and the tire identification numbers in the sale of new or retreaded auto tires?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The federal Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations contain safety standards applicable to the tires provided with new motor vehicles manufactured in or imported into Canada. The provincial governments issue and enforce standards for replacement tires but have not as yet established any requirement that dealers maintain records of tire purchases.

CONSTRUCTION COST OF DAM ON SASKATCHEWAN RIVER

Question No. 419—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

- 1. What were the construction costs of the dam on the Saskatchewan River?
- 2. Was the Bank of Canada responsible for the financing of this project and, if so (a) what amount was loaned (b) at what rate of interest (c) for how many years (d) what are the payment terms?
- Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Regional Economic Expansion and Finance as follows:

 1. For the Government of Canada, the construction costs for the South Saskatchewan River Dam, incurred between April 1, 1958 and March 31, 1972, totalled \$91,006,828.
- 2. The Bank of Canada was not involved in the financing of the dam on the Saskatchewan River.

ISSUANCE OF COMMEMORATIVE STAMP ON 100th ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF JOSEPH HOWE

Question No. 438-Mr. Dinsdale:

Is the Post Office Department planning to issue a commemorative stamp next year on the centenary of the death of Joseph Howe, recognizing the contribution of this distinguished Nova Scotia statesman to freedom of the press and responsible government?

Questions

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Postmaster General): The 100th anniversary of the death of Joseph Howe is among those subjects being reviewed as possible themes for Canada Post Office commemorative stamps in 1973.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES INCOME TAX AND SOURCE DEDUCTIONS

Question No. 453-Mr. Godin:

- 1. What percentage of his income does a resident of the Northwest Territories, who works in the Territories, pay in Income Tax?
- 2. What percentage of his income does a resident of Quebec, who works in the Northwest Territories, have deducted at the source for Income Tax?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): In so far as the Department of National Revenue, Taxation, is concerned: 1. A person resident in the Northwest Territories on December 31, 1971, calculates his tax in the same manner as other residents of Canada, except that he is not liable for provincial tax and not entitled to the abatement for provincial taxes, because he is not a resident in any of the provinces at the end of the year. The actual percentage of tax paid is contingent on the amount of the person's taxable income.

2. It is not possible to determine the percentage of income to be deducted for income tax purposes without having the following information: (a) Employee's rate of pay; (b) Employee's personal exemption, and (c) Whether the employee is required to report for work at an establishment of the employer in the Northwest Territories.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM

Question No. 484-Mr. Burton:

- 1. What was the initial allocation of funds under the Local Initiatives Program for each province at the time that the program was announced?
- 2. (a) What number of applications were received from each province (b) what was the total estimated cost to the government of assistance requested?
- 3. What number of applications were approved from each province?
- 4. What is the estimated federal cost of the Local Initiatives Program by province?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. No allocation of Local Initiatives Program funds was made at the time the program was announced.

- 2. (a) Newfoundland, 1142; Nova Scotia, 1009; Prince Edward Island, 258; New Brunswick, 712; Quebec, 5215; Ontario, 2238; Manitoba, 594; Saskatchewan, 493; Alberta, 607; Northwest Territories, 109; British Columbia, 1323; Yukon Territory, 36. (b) \$482,747,000.
- 3. Newfoundland, 400; Nova Scotia, 430; Prince Edward Island, 114; New Brunswick, 385; Quebec, 1979; Ontario, 1007; Manitoba, 201; Saskatchewan, 174; Alberta, 310; Northwest Territories, 35; British Columbia, 642; Yukon Territory, 22.
- 4. Newfoundland, \$9,900,113; Nova Scotia, \$10,395,996; Prince Edward Island, \$2,047,394; New Brunswick, \$9,173,511; Quebec, \$62,698,549; Ontario, \$22,175,018; Manitoba, \$5,365,159; Saskatchewan, \$4,029,018; Alberta, \$8,027,