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CANADA BUSINESS CORPORATIONS ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR INCORPORATION, POWERS, RECORDS, ETC.

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-213, respecting Canadian business corporations.

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

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

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CORPORATIONS AND LABOUR UNIONS RETURNS ACT

Question No. 2,054—Mr. Hellyer:

1. In 1963, following promulgation of the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act was there a separate administration, known as the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Administration, established under the Dominion Statistician to administer the Act and Regulations?

2. Was not the prime reason for setting up this separate administration to ensure that the new legislation would be administered in such a way as to keep it separate and apart from the Statistics Act and from the activities and jurisdiction of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics?

3. Is it the intention of the government to amend section 15(4) of the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act to eliminate division of responsibility between officials engaged in administering the Act and officials employed under the Statistics Act and, if so, for what reason?

4. On what authority, and for what purpose, was the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Administration converted into a Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1967?

5. What is the present status of the former Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Administration and what purpose does it serve?

Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that: 1. The Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Administration was initially an organizational unit within the Dominion Bureau of Statistics dealing exclusively with collection and compilation of reports under the Act.

2. No.

3. There is no such intention. Section 15(4) of this act serves appropriately the needs relating to the administration of the act.

4. After the amendment to the CALURA Act in 1965, when both the publications of Statistics Canada on financial and taxation statistics and the CALURA report were rooted on the same statistical data base (corporations' income tax returns), continuation of organizational distinction would have been detrimental to the co-ordination of activities and the most efficient utilization of the data source. No specific authority was needed for modifying,

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expanding or relocating the responsibilities of this organizational unit as the act does not require it.

5. It is currently a distinct unit within the Business Finance Division of Statistics Canada responsible for carrying out the provisions of the act including the preparation of annual reports.

EXPENDITURES INCURRED IN ADMINISTERING THE CORPORATIONS AND LABOUR RETURNS ACT

Question No. 2,055—Mr. Hellyer:

1. For each of the fiscal years 1963 to 1972, what has been the total operating expenditure incurred in administering (a) the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Administration (Division) (b) Part I of the Act (Corporations) (c) Part II of the Act (Labour Unions)?

2. In each of the fiscal years 1963-64, 1967-68 and 1971-72, how many persons were employed in (a) the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act Administration (Division) (b) administering Part I of the Act (c) administering Part II of the Act?

3. In the same years, how many persons in each of the three categories in Part 2 were receiving salaries of (a) \$12,000 to \$15,000 (b) \$15,000 to \$18,000 (c) \$18,000 to \$21,000 (d) \$21,000 to \$24,000 (e) over \$24,000?

Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that:

1.	(a)	(b)	(c)		Administration
			Corporations Part I	Labour Unions Part II	
Year	Total				
1963-64	267,000	242,000	25,000		Not available
1964-65	371,000	340,000	31,000		separately
1965-66	442,000	405,000	37,000		15,000
1966-67	253,000	194,000	44,000		15,800
1967-68	271,500	207,700	48,000		19,000
1968-69	422,000	321,000	82,000		23,000
1969-70	561,000	449,000	89,000		25,000
1970-71	490,500	377,500	88,000		30,000
1971-72	628,000	495,000	108,000		

2.	(a)	(b)	(c)		Administration
			Corporations Part I	Labour Unions Part II	
Year	Total				
1963-64	88	79	6		3
1967-68	49	38	6		5
1971-72	58	45	8		5

3. The figures given below pertain to the 1971-72 fiscal year. Corresponding data for the years 1963-64 and 1967-68 are not available.