

Order Paper Questions

questions will be answered today: Nos. 2,394, 2,471, 2,531, 2,648 and 2,770.

Would you be so kind as to call starred questions Nos. 2,269 and 2,440?

I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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***DESIGNATION OF SENATOR TO ACT AS SPOKESMAN ON ISSUES RELATING TO PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

Question No. 2,269—Mr. Malone:

1. Has the government designated a Senator to act as its spokesman on issues related to the Province of Alberta and, if so (a) what is the Senator's name (b) does the Senator receive any extra remuneration (c) did the Senator acquire any extra office staff, equipment or funds?

2. How many cheques has the Senator presented on behalf of the government to any person or groups of persons in the Province of Alberta?

3. What are the names of the person or persons who have received cheques through the Senator?

4. Was the Senator directly involved in negotiating for any such funds and, if so, who are the persons or groups of persons with whom the Senator had such involvement?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows: 1. No.

2. Not Applicable.

3. Not Applicable.

4. Not Applicable.

SALE OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT

Question No. 2,394—Mr. Macquarrie:

With reference to the answer to Question No. 39, Part 3, what is the precise dollar value of defence equipment sold by Canada to each country named, for each year contained in the answer?

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned, a detailed reply cannot be prepared, because the information available to the Department has been provided on a confidential basis by the Canadian companies concerned.

***LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH NATIONAL EMERGENCIES**

Question No. 2,440—Mr. Stanbury:

Is it the intention of the government to introduce legislation to deal with national emergencies without the necessity of invoking the War Measures Act and, if so, on what date?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Government has nothing to add at this time to the statement to the House made by the Prime Minister on April 9, 1974, in answer to a question by the hon. member for the Yukon, whereby he said that the government did not feel any need at the time to bring forth such legislation but that he would "very gladly discuss the matter with the leaders of other parties and if they felt it would be a good idea to take this kind of action on a contingency basis for some

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future situation I would certainly arrange such a meeting."

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION

Question No. 2,471—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the government receive notice from the Government of Ontario that it is withdrawing from Emergency Measures Organization participation and, if so (a) on what date (b) on what date will such participation cease?

2. Will the government continue financial participation to an extent that will match the funds withdrawn by the Province?

3. What is the present government policy in regard to civil defence and the Emergency Measures Organization?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. (a) The Government of Ontario's decision was communicated to the Minister of National Defence by a letter on May 1, 1975. The decision was to withdraw from the emergency measures program as it now exists in favour of a fresh approach based on a "lead ministry" concept. (b) It is the stated intention of the Ontario Government to conclude the current program as of December 31st 1975.

2. Federal funds under the Financial Assistance Program are made available on the basis of a pre-determined minimum to each province or territory with the remainder being allocated according to population.

3. The Federal Government policy is to plan for the effective discharge of its own statutory emergency responsibilities, and to support provinces and municipalities in their emergency roles through the provision of specialized services and financial, planning and training assistance. Civil defence functions are considered to be part of the wider spectrum of emergency measures. In March of 1974 the government announced various changes in its organizational and administrative arrangements for dealing with emergencies. One of these changes was the replacement of the Emergency Measures Organization by the National Emergency Planning Establishment.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED TRUCKS AND CARS AND NUMBER OF FATALITIES

Question No. 2,531—Mr. Whiteway:

For the year 1974, how many (a) trucks and cars were registered in Canada (b) traffic fatalities were there (c) injuries were there resulting from traffic accidents?

Mr. Gaston Clermont (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that in 1973 there were: (a) 1,799,042 motor trucks and truck tractors and 7,866,084 passenger automobiles (including taxicabs and drive yourself) registered in Canada. (b) 6,706 traffic fatalities and (c) 223,777 injuries resulting from traffic accidents. The comparable national figures for 1974 are not yet available.

EXPENDITURES ON PLACES OWNED BY PRIME MINISTER

Question No. 2,648—Mr. Cossitt:

Have public funds been spent in any way whatsoever other than in Ottawa or at Harrington Lake in connection with any place owned by the Prime Minister or any place with which he is associated and, if so,