

Questions

were not claimed back by Canadian taxpayers during the years 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 and 1964?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): (Prior to the 1962 taxation year the records of the Taxation Division did not provide this specific information.) Unclaimed amounts deducted for 1962 taxation year, \$48,392,287.80; unclaimed amounts deducted for 1963 taxation year, \$45,871,907.74.

The figures for the 1964 taxation year will not be compiled until early in 1966.

EMPLOYEES OF INCOME TAX BRANCH

Question No. 229—**Mr. Dionne:**

What is the total number of civil servants in all categories employed in the various offices of the Income Tax Branch of the Department of National Revenue in Canada?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue): 7,987, as at 31st March, 1965.

WHARF REPAIRS, SOUTH HAVEN, N.S.

Question No. 237—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

What are the plans of the government for repairs to the public wharf at South Haven, Victoria County, Nova Scotia and how soon will any proposed improvements take place?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Public Works): Tenders will be called shortly for repairs to the deck of the wharf at South Haven and it is expected that the work will get under way late in June.

COAL CONTRACT 8D-5793 GBD (REGD-136NB)

Question No. 240—**Mr. Bell:**

With respect to coal contract 8D-5793 GBD (REGD-136NB), Department of Transport, Saint John, N.B., what were the amounts of each tender and who was the successful bidder?

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Only one tender was received and order awarded to Raymond M. Parker & Company Limited, Saint John, N.B., who quoted f.o.b. departmental wharf Saint John, N.B., sales tax exempt for 30 tons hard coal (American nut or equal) bagged at \$33 per ton for \$990; 75 tons soft coal screened (Dominion Sydney or equal) bagged at \$22 per ton for \$1,650; 2 tons Blacksmith coal (Bulk) at \$26 per ton for \$52.

The total amount of the order is \$2,692.

RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS TO VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

Question No. 266—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How many applications for grants for the finance of research projects did the Department of

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Veterans Affairs get in each of the past three years?

2. What was the total dollar value of the projects requested from the Department of Veterans Affairs?

3. How many of the applications made to the Department of Veterans Affairs were approved in full?

4. How many of the applications were approved in part only?

5. How many applications for research grants were turned down in each of the last three years?

6. What were the reasons for the refusals?

Hon. Roger Teillet (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
1.	66	60	50
2.	\$478,330	\$502,557	\$433,193
3.	60	55	45
4.	0	2	4
5.	6	3	1

6. Either: (a) Assessed as poor projects by referees, or (b) Progress reports do not warrant continuation, or (c) Project more suitable for support by another agency, or (d) Proposed project is duplication of work being done in another departmental project, or (e) Low priority in view of limited funds available.

ELDORADO MINING AND REFINING LTD.

Question No. 283—**Mr. Caouette:**

In addition to mining operations, what are the functions of Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited?

[Translation]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited, in addition to its mining operations, operates a refinery for the production of nuclear grade uranium oxide from mine concentrates, and the refinery also produces a series of other uranium products, using the nuclear grade oxide as a basis. The refinery is also prepared to process enriched uranium for the production of nuclear fuel for reactors. It is also engaged at present in pilot plant runs leading to the production of cobalt and silver from mine concentrates or speiss received from cobalt-silver producers in Canada; and to the production of zirconium sponge, a product used in nuclear fuels.

The company has also functioned as the government's agent for the purchase of uranium concentrates from other Canadian mines, either for resale to other countries under contracts negotiated by Eldorado, or as a part of a government stockpiling program.