

These petitioners call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of universal family allowance and to rescind unfair tax increases.

I have a similar set of petitions on family allowance, pointing out that the accelerating cut-backs in child benefits, on top of sales and excise tax increases, place an extraordinary burden on middle and low income households. These petitioners call upon the House of Commons to reinstate full indexation of the universal family allowance.

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WAYS AND MEANS

TABLING OF NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 65(1), I wish to table notices of Ways and Means motions to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act.

Pursuant to Standing Order 65(2) I ask that an Order of the Day be designated for the consideration of these motions.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 194 and 424.

[Text]

DND—PAMPHLETS FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Question No. 194—Mr. Stackhouse:

1. In (a) 1982 (b) 1983, how many pamphlets were published by the Department of National Defence for the purpose of public education?
2. How many were distributed and on what subjects?

Mr. Robert Wenman (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. (a) 1982—31; (b) 1983—31.

2. See below.

1982

Subject Matter	Number of Pamphlets	Distribution
Medical Insurance Plans, Medical Benefits, Retirement Benefits	4	230,000
Search and Rescue, Air Safety, Survival	2	12,000
Teaching Opportunities in Europe, CANEX, Recruiting, Summer Employment Opportunities	19	1,017,000
Research Establishments, Scientific Information Services, Defence Procurement Process, Canadian Patrol Frigate, Research and Development Programs	6	14,250

Motions for Papers

1983

Medical Insurance Plans, Medical Benefits, Retirement Benefits	4	230,000
Cruise Missile Facts	1	27,000
CANEX, Teaching Opportunities in Europe, Recruiting, Summer Employment Opportunities	19	1,017,000
Research Establishments, Defence Procurement Process, Research and Development Programs, Scientific Information Services, Canadian Patrol Frigate	7	5,752

IMPACT OF GASOLINE PRICES ON TOURIST TRENDS

Question No. 424—Mr. Robichaud:

Were studies undertaken on the impact of gasoline prices upon tourist trends and (a) if so (i) what were they (ii) did they reveal a relationship between gasoline prices and tourist trends in Canada and, if so, by how many percentage points will the number of US tourists decrease when the federal tax on gasoline increases by 1 per cent and from what source are these figures derived (b) if not (i) for what reason (ii) on what date will the Department commission such a study?

Hon. Jack Murta (Minister of State (Tourism)): Tourism Canada did a study in 1984 isolating the impact of gasoline prices on automobile travel to and from Canada and the U.S., using the Tourism Canada forecasting model. The results indicated that a 1 per cent increase in Canadian gasoline prices, with U.S. prices held constant, would have little impact on overnight visitors, resulting in changes of only 0.2 per cent.

The 1 per cent price increase would have more impact on the relatively low spending same day automobile travel, with the price increase estimated to increase same day Canadian exits to the U.S. by 1 per cent and decrease same day U.S. automobile visits to Canada by 1 per cent.

A Tourism Industry Association of Canada study has come up with similar results.

Tourism Canada is not considering another such study at present.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.