

allotted, the answer is yes. Having said that, which indicates my bias, I must say that I know from practical experience that at certain times and places it is not totally productive to say much more. Some of these are internal measurements for management decision. All of us live under the spotlight. I think the public service has the right, in many cases, to time for adjustment and for correcting itself, provided action is taken to make sure this happens.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister two or three questions? Will he clarify the extent to which this instruction has gone out? At the bottom of Mr. Osbaldeston's letter is a list of agencies and departments. I wonder if it is possible to have tabled, as a supplement to the document tabled today, the actual list of the agencies and departments to which that directive went, so that we will know if Crown agencies, for example, are included or whether only direct agencies of government are affected.

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I shall look at that request. I shall need to refresh my memory about the extent to which the instruction went out to agencies outside the formal public service, and if Crown agencies were excluded. Hopefully, it will be possible, certainly desirable, eventually to have this approach applied to all entities within our jurisdiction, the public service, Crown agencies, etc. Indeed, we are making the method known in the private sector, too. There are arrangements whereby this highly sophisticated technique is being examined and adopted; at least, it is being considered for adoption by large firms in the private sector. It is also being looked at by the academic community. It is a question, really, of how quickly we can move on this.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Does the minister know how many measurers have been employed in the various departments, or have internal officers in the departments been diverted to this operation as part of the administrative weighting, if I may use that term, of a department? I notice that the document tabled alludes to certain sections as examples. I wonder if in the course of time we shall receive the objectives and goals as set out in the document. Will they be tabled so that parliament will be able to look at the full picture?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I must confess to not knowing how many measurers there are. Of course, next we shall be asked to do a cost-benefit analysis of the cost-benefit analyses.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): That is what I am afraid of.

Mr. Andras: I am not being entirely facetious. I think you always have to consider what the real monetary savings will be. I have had some experience of this in the business world. We were enticed into adopting a monitoring system. When I looked at the loss, over 20 years it was far less than the cost of having the loss checked out. Mind you, other factors were involved as well. I will try to give the hon. member details; I do not now have them at my fingertips.

French-Canadian Culture TV Program

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I notice that two other hon. members seek to ask questions, the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton and the hon. member for Bellechasse. That, I think, should be adequate.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, my question is related to what the hon. member for Vegreville raised. Has the minister plans to introduce restructuring changes by way of legislation to provide formal public access to the monitoring process? Will this be done in a way which will allow the matter to be brought before a committee of parliament? To be candid, I am thinking of changes to the Auditor General's legislation which might have some effect.

Mr. Mazankowski: That matter is included in the act now.

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Does the act have reference to any other structure beyond that mentioned?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member is talking about a measure as detailed as that to which I referred in my statement, I must say that I cannot be precise on whether it deals exactly with what the hon. member has in mind. But I think the matter is clear in the Auditor General's act which was given first reading the other day. I know the hon. member asked a similar question a few days ago. Although I cannot remember the exact clause, I think clause 13 clearly indicates the extension of the Auditor General's access to information concerning Crown corporations and the like. It is set out in the bill.

[Translation]

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, in view of the importance of this new development for the Public Service, could the minister advise the House of the response, both positive and negative, he may have received from civil servants, so that this measurement system may be applied in an orderly fashion and give the expected results?

[English]

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I can only comment that I have received favourable comments from my officials at Treasury Board.

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TV PROGRAM ON FRENCH-CANADIAN CULTURE

Mr. J. R. Holmes (Lambton-Kent): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 67, I hereby present a petition relating to a documentary program concerning French-Canadian culture in Paincourt which was televised over CBET channel 9 in Windsor on Monday, October 25, 1976, between 7 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. That program was a gross misrepresentation of the culture of the French-Canadian community of that village and the petitioners pray that this honourable House will inquire into this matter and provide such remedy as this honourable House may determine.