

CANADIAN FORCES EXCHANGE SYSTEM FACILITIES

Question No. 1,292—**Mr. Jones:**

1. What is Canex?
2. Are such operations under the direct supervision of the Armed Forces Personnel or are they under the control or operation of the Canadian Armed Forces, the Department of National Defence, the Department of Supply and Services, and/or any other organization?
3. How many Canex stores are in operation within Canada and without?
4. What is the total volume, expenses, profits or deficits and details of financial situations of each unit and in total over the last ten (10) years?
5. Who are permitted to make purchases and sales at each Canex operation?
6. What are the qualifications to become a purchaser or seller of goods in any Canex operation?
7. Are such stores or operations open to the Armed Forces Personnel only or are they also open to civilian personnel and public as well?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Canex (Canadian Forces Exchange System) is a system of retail sales outlets operated on Canadian Armed Forces bases, stations and ships for the benefit of military personnel and their families.

2. Operations are under the direct control of a Board of Directors shared by the Chief of Defence Staff.

3. Retail Stores, 66; Supermarket/Groceterias, 60; Service Stations/Gas bars, 70; Cafeteria/Snack bars/Canteens, 55; Vending Operations, 35; Total, 286.

4. To provide detailed data on volume, expenses, profits etc. for each of the above unit outlets would require researching hundreds of financial statements all over Canada and overseas for which the department does not have the necessary resources. However, volume and profit for the total Canex operation was as follows:

Fiscal Year	Sales (\$000,000)	Net Profit (\$000,000)
1968/69	54.2	3.0
1969/70	70.2	4.0
1970/71	72.0	3.0
1971/72	72.5	3.5
1972/73	75.8	3.3
1973/74	87.2	5.1
1974/75	103.8	6.4
1975/76	112.0	6.6
1976/77	125.4	6.5

5. Purchasing Personnel—Base or Station Canex Officers, Sales Personnel, Civilian personnel hired and paid by Canex and at some isolated units with a small Canex operation, Canadian Armed Forces personnel are involved on a part-time basis.

6. Appropriate experience and training, and integrity to carry out the task in a responsible manner.

7. Personnel authorized to use Canex are members of the regular forces and civilians employed by DND and their dependants, members of the Reserve Forces when on duty, retired military personnel and widows in receipt of a forces pension, retired DND civilian personnel in receipt of a pension,

Supply

Canex employees, DND school teachers and members of the RCMP and their dependents.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—MAN-DROPS BY AIRBORNE REGIMENT AND SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE, 1976 AND 1977

Question No. 1,305—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. How many man-drops did the Airborne Regiment accomplish during the period September 1 to December 31, 1976?
2. How many man-drops did the Airborne Regiment and/or the Special Service Force accomplish during the period September 1 to December 31, 1977?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): 1 and 2. Airborne Regiment: September 1 to December 31 1976—2,354; Special Service Force: September 1 to December 31 1977—2,091.

NUMBER OF IMMIGRANTS

Question No. 1,316—**Mr. Laprise:**

In (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977, did immigrants settle in (i) Canada (ii) the Province of Quebec (iii) the Constituency of Abitibi and, if so, in each case, how many?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration):

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
(a)	187,881	28,042	not available
(b)	149,429	29,282	not available
(c)	90,974	15,401	not available
First nine months			

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

INTERIM SUPPLY ENDING MARCH 31, 1979

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board) moved that Bill C-31, for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service for the financial year ending March 31, 1979, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole.

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, thank you for giving me this opportunity of becoming involved in this very significant debate. It is significant because I note that the present Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) indicated