

*Order Paper Questions*

[Translation]

**CANADIAN AND BRITISH INSURANCE COMPANIES ACT****AMENDMENT RESPECTING EXPENSES OF SUPERINTENDENT**

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance))** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-66, to amend the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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[English]

**ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING ACT, NO. 2****MEASURE TO AMEND**

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-67, to amend the Adult Occupational Training Act (No. 2).

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,566, 2,179, 2,181, 2,188, 2,189 and 2,192.

[Text]

**MEMBERS OF RCMP IN MEXICO**

Question No. 1,566—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was any member of the RCMP in Mexico, particularly Acapulco, at any time between January 1 and March 5, 1979, and, if so (a) what was his/her name and rank (b) what was the purpose of his/her visit?

2. Did any member of the RCMP stay at Villa Los Arcos in Acapulco at any time between the dates mentioned in part 1 and, if so, for what reason and who accompanied him/her?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):**

1 and 2. Three members of the force were officially in Mexico during the period referred to. Cpl. Richard Beaudoin, "C" division, Montreal, was in Mexico in relation to a drug investigation but official duties did not take him to Acapulco. Inspector Gerhardt, then of Toronto commercial crime section, was in Mexico in relation to an investigation and was accompanied on a trip to Vera Cruz by the RCMP liaison officer in Mexico City, S/Sgt. A. Gillies, returning to Mexico City the same day.

**FISCAL TRANSFER PAYMENTS**

Question No. 2,179—**Mr. Herbert:**

Are there any fiscal transfer payments other than the established programs financing formula and the fiscal equalization programs and, if so, what are they and what is the per capita amount by province?

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)):**

In addition to established programs financing and fiscal equalization, fiscal transfer payments to provincial governments in 1981-82 include statutory subsidies, the public utilities income tax transfer, reciprocal taxation payments, transfers under the 1971 undistributed income on hand program, and the Youth Allowance recovery.

Statutory subsidies are the oldest fiscal transfers and are paid as part of the terms of Confederation. They take several forms, including a grant in support of provincial legislatures, a per capita grant, a debt allowance and certain special grants.

Under the Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer Act (PUITTA) the federal government pays to provinces 95 per cent of the tax collected from corporations involved in the distribution or generation for distribution of electrical energy, gas and steam to the public.

Through the reciprocal taxation agreements provinces which have agreed to do so pay federal consumption taxes on their purchases of goods and services, and the federal government makes payments in lieu of provincial consumption taxes and fees on its purchases of goods and services in these provinces. Six provinces—Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario—are currently participating in these arrangements.

Under the Income Tax Act corporations could distribute, tax free, to shareholders profits accumulated prior to 1972, once the special federal tax was paid. This payment represents the provincial share of the tax collected, and the 1981-82 transfer effectively winds up the program.

The Youth Allowances program has expired; however, the federal government continues to transfer three personal income tax points to Quebec and their value is recovered by means of a reduction in amounts otherwise payable to the province.

The per capita value of these transfers, by province, is given in the list below.

Estimated Per Capita Value of Fiscal Transfer Programs by Province, 1981-82 (\$)

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Statutory Subsidies	17	5	3	3	1	1	2	2	2	1
PUITTA	8	6			*	3	2	*	17	1
Reciprocal Taxation	16	23	22	12	6	7				
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Youth Allowances Recovery										
						(-28)				

\*Amount too small to be expressed.