

*Order Paper Questions*

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Secretary to Government House Leader):** I am informed by the Department of the Environment and the National Research Council as follows:

1. (a) There are 15 sites (2 federal, 13 private).

(b) The owner of each site is responsible for a monthly inspection of its premises. Environment Canada inspects all federal sites at least once a year. The Ontario Ministry of Environment inspects all non-federal sites at least once a year.

2. (a) Federal Penitentiary (federal), Dibblee Construction (private).

b) (i) Environment Canada inspected the Federal Penitentiary on March 30, 1989. A warning letter was sent advising them to take corrective action with respect to the following:

Some containers were not on pallets; the emergency response kit was not available; and some containers were in an unacceptable condition.

The Ontario Ministry of Environment inspected Dibblee Construction on October 30, 1988. The material was being stored in a wooden building and the company was asked to provide another suitable storage building.

(ii) Environment Canada will re-inspect the Federal Penitentiary in May, 1989. The Ontario Ministry of Environment will re-inspect Dibblee Construction in May, 1989.

3. There are currently no plans to transfer PCBs stored in Kingston and the Islands for destruction.

4. (a) This process was developed using the budget established for the Organic Chemicals Section of NRC's Division of Chemistry further to NRC'S annual parliamentary appropriations.

(b) Negotiations continue between NRC and the industrial partner chosen to develop this process. Once these negotiations are complete it will be possible to provide an estimate for wide scale use of the process.

1988-89 DROUGHT PAYMENT

**Question No. 3—Mr. Althouse:**

Were the provinces of (a) Alberta (b) Saskatchewan (c) Manitoba (d) Ontario asked to contribute funds toward the \$850 million crop

component of the 1988-89 drought payment and, if so, in each case (i) was a contribution made (ii) in what amount?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, the provinces were asked to contribute funds toward the 1988-89 drought payment. Negotiations are continuing, but no contributions have as yet been finalized.

TAX ON LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS

**Question No. 50—Mr. Gardiner:**

Since January 1, 1989, has the government collected money from the tax on long distance telephone calls and, if so, for each province, what amount?

**Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of National Revenue):** Yes. The Excise Tax Act imposes a telecommunication service tax on long distance telephone calls and on instruments, devices, equipment or apparatus provided by the telephone companies. When filing monthly tax returns, the companies do not segregate the amount of tax applicable to long distance calls. Accordingly the amount of the tax remitted on these calls is not available.

FOREST RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

**Question No. 51—Mr. Gardiner:**

Has the government taken steps to ensure that the movement of funds between sub-programs in its Direct Delivery component of the Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement receives ministerial approval and, if so, what are they?

**Mr. Michel Champagne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Forestry)):** Under the Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA), the two governments established three management committees based on the delivery stream (cost-shared, federal direct, provincial direct) which are responsible to the provincial Minister of Forestry and the federal Minister of State (Forestry) for implementation of the Agreement.

The re-allocation of funds between programs requires ministerial approval and an amendment to the legal agreement. However, the legal agreement further stipulates that each of the three Management Committees may move funds from one sub-program to another, but only within the same program. In the present case, the management Committee for the Agreement has the authority to move funds between sub-programs in the direct delivery component and does not require ministe-