Order Paper Ouestions

1. (a)	2. Amount		1. (b)	2.
Contract Description	Committed	Name	Contract Description	Amount Committed Name
To advise the Economic Programs and Government Finance Branch concerning economic analysis of issues relating to resource allocation.	\$ 4,625.00	D. F. Gordon		
To advise the Economic Development Division concerning economic aspects of transportation policy.	\$ 4,600.00	T. D. Heaver Enterprises Ltd.		
To advise and assist the Corporation and Business Income Division particularly with respect to analysis of the taxation of the natural resource industry.	\$ 4,500.00	Price Waterhouse and Company		
To provide advice in connection with studies and analysis pertaining to the Decennial Revision of the Bank Act.	\$ 33,541.59	M. Clennett		
Total	\$332,988.46		Total	\$11,840.00
3. Comparable figures for 1973-74	\$132,655.00			\$50,666.00

PRESS CONFERENCE ON COMPLAINTS RELATING TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE SYSTEM

Question No. 340—Mr. Herbert:

- 1. Was a press conference given by five hooded individuals on Sunday, September 26, 1976 to air complaints concerning the unemployment insurance system and, if so, was the conference reported by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation?
- 2. Were any of the individuals employees of the Department of Manpower and Immigration?
- 3. Have any of the individuals applied for unemployment insurance payments?
- 4. Is an employee of the Department of Manpower and Immigration entitled to publicly voice his criticism of departmental regulations and their application?
- 5. Have any employees recently been dismissed for publicly criticising the Department and, if so (a) who were they (b) for what reasons?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the Department of Manpower and Immigration as follows: 1. Yes.

- 2. Not known.
- 3. Not applicable.
- 4. No.
- 5. No.

PROPORTION OF TOTAL SALES OF LARGEST GRAIN ELEVATOR COMPANIES

Question No. 344—Mr. Nystrom:

- 1. What proportion of total sales did the four largest grain elevator companies in the industry earn in (a) 1960 (b) 1965 (c) 1970 (d) 1975 (or the most recent year that statistics are available)?
- 2. What proportion of total sales did the eight largest firms in the industry earn in (a) 1960 (b) 1965 (c) 1970 (d) 1975 (or the most recent year that statistics are available)?
- Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports the following: 1. The proportion of total sales earned by the four largest grain elevator corporations in the industry was 56 per cent in 1965, 70 per cent in 1970, and 85 per cent in 1973, the latest year for which statistics are available.
- 2. The proportion of total sales earned by the eight largest grain elevator corporations in the industry was 74 per cent in 1965, 91 per cent in 1970, and 95 per cent in 1973, the latest year for which statistics are available. The above are based on data compiled from the income tax returns of corporations on the basis of industry statistics contained in the Statistics Canada publication "Corporation Financial Statistics." Sales include commissions and rent.

NOTE: Data for 1960 are not available