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CMHC—SENIOR CITIZENS' HOUSING

Question No. 259—Mr. Herbert:

1. Were official requests received from the Quebec Housing Corporation for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation funding of senior citizen housing projects in the constituency of Vaudreuil and, if so, for which projects?

2. Will the projects be eligible under the National Housing Act for loan insurance and interest rate write-down subsidy assistance?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): I am advised by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows: 1. CMHC funded the following senior citizens' housing projects in the constituency of Vaudreuil:

Name of Project	Municipality
Foyer de Rigaud	Rigaud
Manoir Roger Bernard	Pierrefonds
C. A. Dorion	Dorion
C. A. Laurent Bergevin	Île Perrot
C. A. Denis Benjamin Viger	St-Raphaël de l'Île Bizard
St-Polycarpe	St-Polycarpe
St-Zotique	St-Zotique

2. The first six projects were approved under the old social housing programs and are therefore not eligible for interest rate write-down subsidy assistance. In the case of the St-Zotique project, CMHC insured a loan under the National Housing Act to Quebec Housing Corporation and will contribute subsidy assistance in the form of an interest rate write-down.

MSUA—PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Question No. 699—Mr. Clarke:

1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, how many contracts were let by the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs for professional services, to persons who at any time within the past five years, had been employed in indeterminate positions under the Public Service Commission?

2. How many contracts were (a) for less than one year (b) for one to two years (c) over two years?

3. How many contracts were let outside the National Capital Region?

4. What was the total cost of all such contracts?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): The information is not readily available as the ministry was disbanded in March, 1979. To provide an accurate reply would entail a thorough and lengthy examination of all relevant files currently in the Public Archives. The costs and the time required to obtain all this information would be prohibitive.

PRICE INCREASE OF ONTARIO WINES

Question No. 988—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the Minister of Finance's statement in the House on April 21, 1980, indicate a price increase in Ontario wines and, if so, is he aware that the Ontario Grape Growers Marketing Board is concerned about such increases and the effect it will have on the grape growers and wine producers in Ontario?

2. Is the minister prepared to alleviate any problems such an increase has created and, if so, to what extent?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): 1. The April 21, 1980, statement increased the excise taxes on wines

by 13 cents for a bottle of table wine and 44 cents for a bottle of fortified wine. The tax on sparkling wine was reduced by 17 cents per bottle.

2. Any change to the tax rate changes noted in 1. above would be announced to Parliament by the Minister of Finance.

TAX EXPENDITURES

Question No. 1,497—Mr. MacKay:

1. What was the government's estimate of tax expenditures available to the manufacturing sector in 1979, by province and territory, created by the (a) lower corporate income tax rates on manufacturing and processing profits (b) investment tax credit on manufacturing investments (c) two-year write-off on manufacturing estimates?

2. What was the government's estimate of tax expenditures available to small business in 1979, by province and territory, created by the (a) lower or small business income tax rate (b) sales tax exemption on up to \$50,000 on manufacturing sales?

3. What was the government's estimate of tax expenditures available for research and development in 1979, by province and territory, created by the (a) immediate write-off on R and D expenditures (b) additional allowance of 50 per cent of incremental R and D expenditures (c) investment tax credit on R and D expenditures?

4. What was the government's estimate of tax expenditures available to the resource sector in 1979, by province and territory, created by the (a) fast write-off for Canadian exploration expenses (b) fast write-off for Canadian development expenses (c) 33½ per cent earned depletion allowance (d) excess of tax depreciation over book depreciation (general) (e) investment tax credit on resource investments?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): The aggregate values of these tax expenditures in 1980, as given in the most recent tax expenditure account are as follows:

1. Manufacturing:

(a) lower corporate tax rate on manufacturing and processing profits, \$600 million;

(b) investment tax credit in the manufacturing sector, \$170 million;

(c) two-year write-off, \$500 million.

2. Small business:

(a) reduced small business income tax rate, \$1,200 million;

(b) sales tax exemption, \$20 million.

3. Research and Development:

(a) immediate write-off on R and D expenditures, \$63 million;

(b) allowance on incremental R and D, \$34 million;

(c) investment tax credit on R and D, \$45 million.

4. Resource Sector:

(a) preferential treatment of exploration and development expenses, \$1,250 million;

(b) accelerated capital cost allowances, \$370 million;

(c) the investment tax credit on capital expenditures by resource industries, \$125 million.

It is not possible to provide a breakdown of these amounts by provinces and territory. Tax data on the claims of these items are not available by province. Moreover, the concept of