

Orders for Returns

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Acting Minister of National Revenue): The department has no such plans at present.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

PERSONNEL OF MINISTERS' OFFICES

Question No. 276—**Mr. Ritchie:**

By Ministries, including the Prime Minister's Office (a) what is the strength of the staff of the respective ministerial offices (b) what are the names, effective date of appointment, salary, nature of appointment, respectively of each Executive Assistant, Special Assistant, Private and Assistant Private Secretary, hired under authority of Treasury Board Minute?

Return tabled.

MOTOR VEHICLES FOR CABINET MEMBERS

Question No. 321—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Do the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers receive a car allowance and, if so, what is the amount of that allowance?

2. Has the Prime Minister and have any or all of the Cabinet Ministers had motor vehicles with drivers provided for their personal use and, if so, by whom and who assumes responsibility for payment of the service provided and what is the amount of payment?

3. Which of the Cabinet Ministers, besides the Prime Minister, are provided with a motor vehicle and driver, what is the type of motor vehicle provided and on what basis was the selection of Cabinet Ministers decided upon for this special consideration?

Return tabled.

AMENDMENT OF EXPROPRIATION LAWS

Question No. 660—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Does the government intend to set up a committee to amend Canadian expropriation laws and, if so, when will this committee be constituted?

2. How many expropriations are now in progress and have been going on for one year, two years or three years or more?

3. When will such an expropriation bill be presented to the House?

Return tabled.

URBAN RENEWAL SCHEMES

Question No. 698—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Is the government involved in any urban renewal schemes at the present time and, if so, where and how much money has been paid and/or will be paid in these schemes as the government's share?

2. What urban renewal schemes are seeking government funds at the present time, where are they

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located, what is the total cost involved and what is the government contribution to be made?

3. How much money has the federal government paid for urban renewal projects, where are the projects located, when were they commenced and when were they or will be completed?

Return tabled.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, I draw the attention of the house to an unseemly delay in the reply to starred question No. 761. It was presumed that starred questions would be answered within three days. This question has to do with protests from the mayor and other citizens of Rock Island, Quebec, against the construction of a new post office. I think this is the first time in many years that any group within a municipality has protested against government expenditures. This is the first time a municipality has been forced to accept those expenditures regardless of their feeling. I do not know whether that is the reason for the delay, but certainly you would not think it would take such a long time to answer a question as simple as this one.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could deal with this matter. As you may notice, the question is not addressed to any single minister but to the entire government. Therefore to obtain a comprehensive answer to the question it is necessary to seek advice from all departments of government as to whether they received notice of the protest.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): In any event, if the question had been drafted better the answer could have been forthcoming earlier.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): But I point out that, as with the question with respect to the Centennial Medal which had to be answered at such heavy expense today, it does take time to answer some of these questions.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Diefenbaker: The hon. member will identify himself even to the Prime Minister if he keeps on like that. Unless there is no communication between government departments, there should be no difficulty in these questions.

Mr. McIlraith: You need a better draftsman.