

Order Paper Questions

sions, foreign wines are served. Canadian Heads of Missions abroad are encouraged to become acquainted with Canadian wines in order that they may use them as part of their regular representational programs. As the quality and quantity of Canadian wines increase, it is anticipated that many of Canada's missions will wish to give this serious consideration. However, there are constraints of quality and economics which do not always make this a feasible proposition.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY

Question No. 3,247—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Since the establishment of the Foreign Investment Review Agency, how many applications were (a) approved (b) not approved?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned:

	Acquisitions (April 9, 1974—Sept. 30, 1981)	New Businesses (Oct. 15, 1975—Sept. 30, 1981)	Total
Allowed	1,504	1,461	2,965
Disallowed	171	117	288
Withdrawn	166	160	326

Question No. 3,250—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Does the Foreign Investment Review Agency refuse to give information to Members of Parliament who are making legitimate inquiries about the status of applications when such inquiries are made with the approval and at the request of both the applicant and the Canadian counterpart and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned, it is the policy of the agency to be as co-operative as possible with all Members of Parliament who seek information about the administration of the Foreign Investment Review Act. However, under the confidentiality provisions which are set out in section 14 of the act, information about an application may not be disclosed without the express written approval of the applicant authorizing the agency to discuss the application with the Member of Parliament involved, and then only information submitted by the applicant may be discussed.

[*Translation*]

Madam Speaker: The questions as enumerated in French by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

The hon. member for Winnipeg-Assiniboine (Mr. McKenzie) has the floor.

[*English*]

Mr. McKenzie: Madam Speaker, I should like to ask the parliamentary secretary to look into what is causing the delay in answering question No. 1,795 which I placed on the Order Paper a year ago. It is a question regarding private organizations receiving federal grants for research and development. There are some other related questions which are quite rou-

tine. I would appreciate it if the parliamentary secretary would find out why it has taken a year to answer this question.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I will take note of that representation.

Mr. McKinnon: Madam Speaker, I should like to ask the usual question about when we will get an answer to questions Nos. 2,035 and 2,519. These concern the cost of operating government aircraft for the benefit of cabinet ministers.

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If they are never going to be answered, I wish that the House leader for the government might make a statement on motions as to why the taxpayers of Canada are apparently not to be given the information showing what they are paying for and how much it costs them to have these ministers flying wherever they are flying.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I will take due note of that representation, as well.

[*Translation*]

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—CONDEMNATION OF LACK OF BUDGETARY JOB-CREATION MEASURES

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain) moved:

That this House condemns the government's budget for (a) not introducing new job-creation measures in the light of the largest number of pre-Christmas lay-offs experienced since the depression (b) the complete rejection of an effective industrial strategy to provide long-term jobs and thus a cynical reversal of the government's election promises.

He said: Madam Speaker, this morning, along with a number of my colleagues in the New Democratic Party, I met the people who travelled from various parts of the country to bring to our attention and, as I understand it, to the attention of other hon. members of the House of Commons, the plight they are facing in terms of trying to maintain any semblance of economic order in their lives. I met with people who had lost or were about to lose their homes, and with people who have lost or are about to lose their jobs, those who are faced with the bleakest of prospects. I heard them explain the impact of the economic dislocation which has been brought about by this government's policies.

I heard one young man explain how, after months and months of inadequate income levels as a result of only receiv-