

Order Paper Questions

4.	Oct. 27/88	Prairie Fibre Inc./Tisdale	\$370,500
5.	Dec. 09/88	CSP Foods Ltd./Nipawin	\$435,627
6.	Feb. 08/89	White Fox Forages Ltd./White Fox	\$176,880

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NATIVE EMPLOYEES IN DIAND

***Question No. 21—Mr. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):**

Are aboriginal people employed (a) directly (b) in the Native Employment and Affirmative Action Directorate by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and, if so (i) in what numbers (ii) what percentage do they constitute of the total number of departmental employees?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): As of May 1, 1989:

(a) Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development: Total employees 4,652, (i) 837 *, (ii) 18 per cent.

(b) Native Employment/Employment Equity Directorate: Total employees 10, (i) 6 *, (ii) 60 per cent.

* Self-identification as an "aboriginal person" is at the employee's discretion.

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[English]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question nos. 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 31?

Mr. Speaker: Done.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, due to the number of questions being answered and the length of some of the responses, I ask that they be printed in *Hansard* as if read rather than my reading 12 pages of script.

Mr. Speaker: Agreed.

[Editor's Note: The above-mentioned questions are as follows:]

[Text]

TAX DEDUCTIONS

***Question No. 9—Mr. Barrett:**

1. For each year since 1984, has the government estimated the annual net revenue cost of the tax deductions (a) for business meals (b) entertainment expenses for (i) corporate (ii) individual tax filers and if so, what is it?

2. Has the government estimated the annual net revenue cost, in the years following full implementation of the 1987 tax reforms of the tax deductions for (a) business meals (b) entertainment expenses for (i) corporate (ii) individual tax filers and if so, what is it?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): The Government cannot provide actual annual net revenue costs resulting from tax deductions claimed by corporate and individual taxpayers for business meals and entertainment expenses, as the tax data which are collected are not disaggregated in this matter.

However, estimates of the annual net revenue gains resulting from reduced deductions for meals and entertainment expenses are available. The net revenue gain is estimated to be approximately \$140 million for 1988, rising to about \$220 million by 1992. Individual taxpayers account for about 30 per cent of the net federal revenue impact, with the remainder attributable to corporate taxpayers.

NET REVENUE IMPACT OF 1985 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

***Question No. 10—Mr. Laporte:**

For (a) 1986 (b) 1987 (c) 1988 has the government estimated the net revenue impact on the Treasury of the 1985 budget adjustment and partial de-indexation of personal income tax deductions and, if so, what is it?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): The restriction to the personal income tax indexation introduced in the May 1985 budget has increased federal revenues by \$0.6 billion, \$1.4 billion and \$2.3 billion in 1986, 1987 and 1988 respectively.

ANNUAL NET REVENUE COST

***Question No. 15—Mr. Gardiner:**

For each year since 1984, has the government estimated the annual net revenue cost for the tax-free treatment of the transfer of individual assets such as estate inheritances upon death and, if so, (a) what is it (b) what was the average tax saving by tax filer for individuals whose total income was (i) below \$10,000, (ii) between \$10,001 and \$15,000, (iii) between \$15,001 and \$20,000, (iv) between \$20,001 and \$25,000, (v) between \$25,001 and \$30,000, (vi) between \$30,001 and \$40,000, (vii) between \$40,001 and \$50,000, (viii) between \$50,001 and \$70,000, (ix) over \$70,001?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): No. Federal estate taxes were eliminated in 1972. The information needed to estimate the annual net revenue that could have been obtained by taxing such income has not been available since then.

NET REVENUE COST OF CARRYING CHARGES

***Question No. 16—Mr. Young (Beaches—Woodbine):**

For each year since 1984, has the government estimated the annual net revenue cost of the tax deductions for excess of carrying charges over investment income for individual tax filers and, if so, (a) what is it (b) what was the average tax saving by tax filer for individuals whose total income was (i) below \$10,000, (ii) between \$10,001 and \$15,000, (iii) between \$15,001 and \$20,000, (iv) between \$20,001 and \$25,000, (v) between \$25,001 and \$30,000, (vi) between \$30,001 and \$40,000,