

Order Paper Questions

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,149, 3,303, 3,468, 3,483, 3,499, 3,518, 3,567, 3,571, 3,572 and 3,590.

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CRIMINALS CONVICTED OF CAPITAL MURDER WHO HAVE COMMITTED ANOTHER MURDER

Question No. 3,149—Mr. Caouette (Villeneuve):

1. How many criminals convicted of capital murder have committed another murder during the years (a) 1930-40 (b) 1941-50 (c) 1951-60 (d) 1961-70 (e) 1971-75?

2. In each case was the second offence committed (a) during escape (b) on parole (c) upon completion of sentence (d) others?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): 1. (a) None; (b) one, executed in 1944; (c) None; (d) one, second murder (two counts) committed in U.S.A., commuted; (e) None.

2. (a) None; (b) Yes—1(b); (c) None; (d) Yes—1(d) second murder committed after escape from British Columbia Penitentiary.

STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO PANARCTIC OIL

Question No. 3,303—Mr. Forrestall:

1. Is the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion aware of the statements in the press attributed to the President of Panarctic Oil during the week of October 20 to 24, 1975 indicating the possibility that Panarctic Oil will purchase three Scandinavian crude oil tankers for transport of Arctic oil to market should that be feasible?

2. Is the Minister aware of the extent of participation in Panarctic Oil by the government and its agents and, if so, to what extent is this participation?

3. Has the Minister examined the implications of going outside Canada for such vessels in terms of the long-term viability and health of the Canadian ship-building industry and trade balance and (a) if so, what conclusions have been reached (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: 1. Certain Canadian newspapers published, during the week of October 20, 1975 to October 24, 1975, articles referring to discoveries of oil on Cameron Island by Panarctic Oils, Ltd. of Calgary. These articles made cursory mention of the problems of transporting crude oil from this most remote location to refineries in developed areas and included a brief reference to preliminary discussions between Panarctic and Scandinavian shipbuilders for the supply of suitable vessels.

2. The Canadian Government is an equity participant in Panarctic Oils Ltd. holding 45% of the issued and outstanding common shares. No preferred shares are outstanding.

3. The Advisory Committee on Industrial Benefits from Natural Resource Development will meet with executives of Panarctic Oils Ltd. in the very near future to discuss the implications of the oil discovery and related topics including the issues surrounding the transportation of crude oil to refineries. Conclusions have not been reached concern-

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ing the implications of purchasing tankers from shipyards not located in Canada because the required process of analysis and consultation, of which the aforementioned meeting will be a part, has not been completed. But, as the work proceeds, the welfare of the Canadian economy will be the basic consideration.

BELL CANADA

Question No. 3,468—Mr. Foster:

1. Does the Canadian Transport Commission monitor the undertakings which telephone utilities, such as Bell Canada, give when they apply for rate increases to ensure that these undertakings are carried out and, if so, how is this monitoring carried out?

2. Can a subscriber or a municipality, on behalf of the ratepayers, cause an enquiry or hearing to be held, or other action taken, where they feel that Bell Canada has not carried out the instructions of the Canadian Transport Commission to improve service in a specific area?

3. Under what circumstances will the Canadian Transport Commission hold hearings in localities outside Ottawa?

Mr. Jim Fleming (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: 1. Applications from telephone utilities, such as Bell Canada, for approval of increases in rates and charges are not predicated upon undertakings but upon revenue needs and the justness and reasonableness of rates required to meet them. For example, the construction program forecast by the applicant is one of the elements to be considered in relation to revenue needs, but such forecast does not constitute an undertaking.

2. The Telecommunication Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission does not give instructions with respect to service improvements in specific areas but the Commission uses its good offices to deal with specific problems as they arise.

3. All committees of the Commission hold hearings outside Ottawa from time to time; the matter is within the discretion of the Commission and would depend upon the circumstances of each specific case.

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION LOAN APPLICATIONS—
CONSTITUENCY OF SASKATOON

Question No. 3,483—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

How many applications were received from the Constituency of Saskatoon-Biggar for loans under the Farm Credit Act for the year 1974 and the first six months of 1975 (a) how many were approved (b) what amount was involved (c) what percentage of loans were or are in default?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): The Farm Credit Corporation advises that statistics are not maintained on a constituency basis. However, for Rural Municipalities 315, 316, 344, 345, 347, 373, 376, 403, 404, 405, 406, 434, 436 and 466, which closely approximate the constituency of Saskatoon-Biggar, the answer is as follows:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	
	Appli- cations	Ap- provals Number	Amount \$	Per cent of Loans in Default
1974-75	145	145	6,646,300	4.8
1975-76 (to September 30, 1975)	117	111	7,022,900	6.4