

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member is asking for statistical information. That part of the question should be placed on the order paper.

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INCOME TAX

REPORT OF CORPORATE TAX MEASURES REVIEW COMMITTEE—NAMES OF CORPORATIONS TO WHICH QUESTIONNAIRE SENT AND THOSE THAT REPLIED

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Finance. No doubt he will recall that on Monday, in reply to a request by me that he table the names of the 1,088 corporations to which the questionnaire resulting in the report on the corporate tax measures was sent, and in response to related questions, he said he saw no reason why that could not be done. May I now ask the minister whether we can expect that information to be tabled, and when?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): The House may expect that, sir, and as soon as possible.

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AGRICULTURE

STEPS TO PREVENT IMPORTATION AND SALE OF MEAT IMPLANTED WITH DES

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. What steps is his department taking to assure Canadian consumers that no meat entering Canada to be sold in Canada is actually implanted with DES?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I think I reported to the House previously that there will be a meeting in Washington between officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and our people, and that we have had meetings in Ottawa. There should be an announcement made shortly on what arrangements have been made between the two nations for certification that meat coming into Canada has neither been implanted with DES nor that the food consumed by animals has had the DES supplement added to it.

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ENERGY

HEATING OIL PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT—AMOUNT PAID BY CANADIAN FUEL MARKETERS FOR OPTIONS

Mr. Trevor Morgan (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Supply and Services. Having regard to the answer given to my leader that Canadian Fuel Marketers Limited were in fact technical advisers to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, having regard to the fact that this heating oil was bought by the government at 99 cents a gallon, and having regard to the fact that Canadian Fuel Marketers is a subsidiary of Shell International, did the minister take it upon himself

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to find out what Canadian Fuel Marketers paid for their options before he bought this fuel from them and, if not, why not?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I am quite surprised to see that the government is being urged, on behalf of the Progressive Conservative Party, to meddle with the private affairs of corporations, and I wonder with what authority the corporation concerned obtained options on an international market which, as everyone knows, is very much open to competition.

[Later:]

[English]

Mr. Morgan: My supplementary is directed to the Minister of Supply and Services. Having said that the information he obtained came from the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, did the Minister of Supply and Services take into consideration the fact that they were being advised by the very people from whom they purchased this oil?

HEATING OIL PURCHASED BY GOVERNMENT—ROTTERDAM PRICE AT TIME OF TRANSACTION

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Supply and Services who yesterday told the House that at the time he paid 99 cents for each of these five million gallons of oil the Rotterdam price was 89 cents. Would the minister disclose the source of his information about Rotterdam oil prices at that time, since the Oil Buyers' Guide shows that the Rotterdam price at no time went above 74 cents all winter?

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: The tar baby is in trouble.

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I obtained my information from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Goyer: —and I will certainly check whether the question of the hon. member, as stated, is according to the facts.

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AGRICULTURE

THREAT OF GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION IN WESTERN CANADA THIS SPRING—ACTION TO CONTROL

Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that this year western Canada will face the severest outbreak of grasshoppers it has faced in decades, and in view of the fact this will affect prime farm land, can the minister inform the House what action he is taking to assist in the fight against grasshoppers?