

Taxation

MR. KEITH SPICER

Question No. 1,203—**Mr. McKenzie:**

Did the former Commissioner of Official Languages, Mr. Spicer, receive retirement benefits or a pension and, if so (a) what were they (b) in what amount?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): During his employment in the federal public service, Mr. Keith Spicer was a contributor under the Public Service Superannuation Act and the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act. Upon the termination of his employment, he became entitled to receive at his option either a refund of his own pension contributions, a full pension payable at age sixty, or a reduced pension payable at age fifty. A full pension is based on 2 per cent of the average of the salaries received during the

person's six most highly paid years for each year of credited service. As a matter of long-standing government policy, the specific amounts of the benefits payable to any individual are considered confidential.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Question No. 1,357—**Mr. Haidasz:**

What was the total amount of federal grants to each province and territory for the teaching of minority official language since the inception of the programme?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Department of the Secretary of State: Attached is a chart on the assistance granted to second language education at the elementary and secondary levels.

Province	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	Cumulative Total
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Newfoundland	113,608	168,502	185,087	140,316	230,220	189,797	459,358	1,486,888
Prince Edward Island	42,863	50,463	46,508	50,948	50,443	101,995	111,853	455,073
Nova Scotia	310,223	349,733	347,621	296,889	458,441	557,950	694,947	3,015,804
New Brunswick	218,585	320,759	289,475	291,886	253,447	284,951	648,798	2,307,901
Quebec	5,635,954	6,644,155	5,860,970	8,731,620	7,560,566	9,351,686	14,777,074	58,562,025
Ontario	3,061,979	4,674,307	3,971,881	4,229,429	3,722,576	5,871,482	7,022,852	32,554,506
Manitoba	354,959	465,742	408,601	288,114	449,972	543,396	701,566	3,212,350
Saskatchewan	453,518	318,616	348,766	242,650	432,106	461,043	525,797	2,782,496
Alberta	579,653	680,007	578,196	410,827	625,501	756,655	832,021	4,462,860
British Columbia	834,645	961,907	756,577	817,491	732,359	1,376,833	1,319,737	6,799,549
TOTAL	11,605,987	14,634,191	12,793,682	15,500,170	14,515,631	19,495,788	27,094,003	115,639,452

Assistance to second language education at the elementary and secondary levels. (Contributions at a rate of 5 per cent.) For each pupil registered in a second language class, at the elementary or secondary level, the province receives 5 per cent of the average annual cost per capita. The formula takes into consideration the time spent on studying the second language.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—SUGGESTION COMMITTEE STUDY
FEDERAL TAX STRUCTURE

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre) moved:

That a special committee of this House be established to determine whether the federal tax structure is inhibiting economic growth in Canada and promoting the export of employment opportunities to the United States.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this is a straightforward motion and it concerns a subject the government should have been dealing with long before today. As a matter of fact the serious disparity between the United States and Canada with regard to tax structures was first pointed out in 1966. It is closely tied to a subject which has been raised in the House on a number

[Mr. Roberts.]

of occasions by myself and others—the serious outflow of capital from Canada. There is a brain drain, a business drain, a money drain, and a mass exodus of people. All this movement has been in evidence for a couple of years.

I read some figures into the record on May 17, Mr. Speaker, on research done in nine states, and I pointed out that approximately \$6.9 billion of investment money had gone into these nine states, and I asked the question: how much has gone into the other 41 states? What are we looking at? Has \$50 billion left this country, or \$100 billion? We really do not know, and it is time some committee in this parliament started an investigation into this mass exodus to see what we can do to stop the flow.

I have some information provided by Peat, Marwick on the tax problem, Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult information to obtain. The government does not seem to be keeping any statistical information on the exodus of money and businesses or if it has it is keeping it to itself. We in the opposition have to rely on American newspapers, information from the United States government, and research done by investment counselors in Canada. I have here some examples set out in detail which show the relative positions, after tax, of individuals residing in New York State and in Ontario, Canada. The date for the examples has been taken from the tax files of two Peat,