

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Public Works, the Secretary of State and the National Arts Centre as follows: 1. Expenditures of \$46,413,550 for building and equipping the National Arts Centre were incurred. The total

amount was funded through the Department of Public Works/Working Capital Advance and recovered from the Secretary of State.

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Sources of Funding of N.A.C.
For Years 1972 to 1977

	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77
Parliamentary appropriations	3,720,000	4,603,800	5,757,050	6,892,000	8,476,000
Recovery of costs from the Department of External Affairs	—	73,224	72,618	—	—
Municipal and other grants	178,890	392,003	118,350	129,300	175,000
	3,898,890	5,069,027	5,948,018	7,021,300	8,651,000

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Province	Fiscal Years						Total
	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	
British Columbia	51,717	6,500	35,000	974,444	1,112,944	802,445	2,983,050
Alberta	66,543	38,174	24,200	538,850	500,000	500,000	1,667,767
Saskatchewan	51,717	6,500	24,200	21,773	6,527	65,200	175,917
Manitoba	51,717	6,500	2,500	—	26,000	150,000	236,717
Ontario	811,717	693,345	562,500	892,700	1,412,640	1,497,860	5,870,762
Quebec	351,717	26,500	375,500	191,900	—	351,000	1,296,617
New Brunswick	51,717	6,500	2,500	—	—	—	60,717
Nova Scotia	51,717	6,500	2,500	60,000	—	85,000	205,717
Prince Edward Island	1,841,717	466,500	627,500	870,000	800,000	1,350,000	5,955,717
Newfoundland	51,717	6,500	2,500	557,500	600,000	600,000	1,818,217
	3,381,996	1,263,519	1,658,900	4,107,167	4,458,111	5,401,505	20,271,198

LABELLING OF BEEF

Question No. 942—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Did the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs investigate the misleading advertising of imported beef labelled as Canadian beef and, if so, how many charges were laid and how many convictions were gained and what sentences were imposed?

2. (a) Has imported beef flooded Canadian markets and has this created serious hardships for Canadian beef producers (b) has the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs or the Department of Agriculture considered strengthening the laws regarding marketing of imported beef by requiring all beef sold in Canada to be labelled as to percentage of content according to country of origin and (i) if so, on what date will new regulations be put into effect (ii) if not, for what reason?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by Agriculture Canada and Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada as follows: 1. Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada has done some limited investigation regarding the advertising of imported beef labelled as Canadian beef. No misleading advertising was found and consequently no charges were laid.

2. (a) Beef imports through 1977 have been under import quota and controlled through the Export and Import Permit Act. Canadian beef producers have had serious hardships over the past three years as have beef producers in other countries. However, this relates to excessively high levels of cattle marketing as cattlemen have taken steps to reduce their beef herds. Imports have not been a major influence in 1977. Beef

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imports have been under quota and concerning live cattle trade, to mid-December this year, Canada had exported about 217,000 head of slaughter cattle, and 94,000 head of feeder cattle while importing only about 9,800 head of slaughter cattle. (b) No; (i) N/A; (ii) Agriculture Canada's objective under its meat inspection program is to ensure wholesome meat products and compliance with product and labelling standards. The Meat Inspection Regulations made pursuant to the Canada Meat Inspection Act presently requires a statement "Product of (country of origin)" immediately below the product description for all imported meat products. Labelling as to the percentage of content of imported meat products is not within the scope of the Meat Inspection Act. Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada has not considered requiring beef imported and sold in Canada to be identified as to the percentage of content according to its country of origin. The reason this is not a consideration is the cost of such a requirement. Increased cost to the packer would most certainly be reflected by an increase in cost to the consumer.

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

Question No. 1,077—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Has the Department of Agriculture studied the implications for agricultural research of the Treasury Board directive entitled "Policy and Guidelines in Contracting Out the Government's Requirements in Science and Technology" and, if so, did the Department arrive at the conclusion that the directive would result in a reduction of the funds available for agricultural research?

2. If the directive has not yet been approved as government policy, will the Department seek from Treasury Board an exemption in the case of agricultural