

Questions

CONSTRUCTION OF POST OFFICE,
WENTWORTH, N.S.Question No. 1,011—**Mr. Coates:**

Is it the intention of the government to construct a post office at Wentworth, Nova Scotia and, if so, when does the government intend to call tenders for the construction of this post office?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): No.

ST. LAWRENCE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

Question No. 1,012—**Mr. Gleave:**

Did the Canada Council contribute funds to the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts in Toronto and, if so, in what amount?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: The Canada Council has awarded the Toronto Arts Foundation, on behalf of the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, the following grants: in 1968, \$15,000 for the development of the theatrical program of the Centre; in 1969, \$140,000 for the first theatrical season of the Centre which should begin on February 26, 1970.

[English]

SALES TAX ON STAPLE FOODS

Question No. 1,026—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Is margarine subject to the 12 per cent tax?
2. What other staple foods are subject to sales tax?
3. Is it the government's intention to remove sales taxes on staple foods as a part of the campaign to fight inflation and reduce the high cost of living?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. Yes, except for consumption in the Province of Newfoundland.

2. None.

3. This is a matter of Government policy. If the Government should decide to propose an amendment to exempt margarine from sales tax it will be announced at the appropriate time.

EXPENDITURES UNDER REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACTQuestion No. 1,033—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. Under the Regional Development Incentives Act, in what places or areas in (a) Manitoba (b) Quebec (c) New Brunswick (d) Newfoundland (e) Ontario, were expenditures of moneys approved up to the end of December 31, 1969?
2. What was the amount of such expenditures for each of said projects?

[Mr. McIlraith.]

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): This information was contained in the reports respecting the Administration of the Regional Development Incentives Act tabled on October 27, 1969, December 4, 1969, and January 12, 1970.

REMOVAL OF SALES TAX ON POLLUTION
CONTROL EQUIPMENTQuestion No. 1,039—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the federal government consider the feasibility of removing the sales tax on pollution control equipment in order to create an incentive to control pollution?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Equipment described in part XIII of Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act is exempt from sales tax. If the Government should decide to propose additional exemptions from sales tax it will be announced at the appropriate time.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND—ADVER-
TISEMENTS WARNING AGAINST
FRAUDULENT CLAIMSQuestion No. 1,058—**Mr. Paproski:**

What was the name of the advertising agency employed to prepare advertisements, which were published recently in national newspapers, warning against fraudulent claims against the Unemployment Insurance Fund?

[Translation]

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Goodis, Goldberg, Soren Ltd., Toronto.

[English]

SUBSIDY PAID TO TURKEY PRODUCERS
1960 TO 1969Question No. 1,125—**Mr. Robinson:**

What was the total subsidy paid to turkey producers during each of the years 1960 to 1969 inclusive?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Nil.

SASKATCHEWAN—REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT
INCENTIVE GRANTSQuestion No. 1,142—**Mr. Southam:**

1. How many Regional Development Incentive Grants were awarded in Saskatchewan in 1969?
2. Where were the locations and what was the amount of grant in each case?
3. How many Regional Development Incentive Grants will be awarded to Saskatchewan in 1970?
4. Where will they be located and what will be the amounts?