

ada of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, which was signed by Canada on August 24, 1966 and, if so, which provinces have (a) agreed to the ratification (b) withheld their agreement?

2. When does the government expect to be in a position to ratify the Convention?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. and 2. Since signing the convention, the Government of Canada has been consulting provincial governments with a view to obtaining their approval of Canadian ratification. No province has withheld its agreement to ratification. This process of consultation is nearing completion, and the Government is hopeful that in the near future the way will be open for Canada to ratify the convention.

Questions

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

Question No. 429—Mr. Fortin:

1. For each of the last ten years, what were (a) the revenue (b) the expenditures of the Post Office Department?

2. Do the figures for revenue and expenditures take into account the value of services supplied to the Post Office Department by other departments as well as the value of services supplied to other departments by the Post Office Department and, if not, what is the estimated value of such services?

3. For each of the last ten years, what was the surplus or deficit of the Post Office Department?

4. For each of the last ten years, how many post offices were in operation?

5. For each of the last ten years, what was the total number of employees in the Post Office Department?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):

MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

	1959-60	1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69
1. (a) Revenue.....	196.9	205.6	217.5	226.7	240.3	268.7	285.1	305.4	335	374.9
(b) Costs.....	220.3	236.8	246.8	251.4	277.2	279.6	315.8	353.1	404.2	463.1
2. Yes.										
3. Deficit.....	23.4	31.2	29.0	24.7	36.9	10.9	30.7	47.7	67.2	88.2
4.....	11,414	11,335	11,291	11,224	11,149	11,097	11,172	11,059	10,838	10,450
5.....	39,855	40,542	41,197	41,512	42,027	43,067	44,244	46,767	48,376	49,058

PROSPECTING BY ELDORADO NUCLEAR LIMITED

Cabinet approval be obtained for any arrangements to dispose of any orebody holdings of Eldorado.

Question No. 431—Mr. Fortin:

1. With reference to Question No. 2,229 answered on June 11, 1969, what instructions were given by the government to Eldorado Nuclear Limited limiting prospecting?

2. When did the government lift the ban on prospecting and what was the substance of this instruction?

3. Did studies made by the company establish that supplies of uranium and uranium derivatives are adequate?

4. Does the company intend to sell shares or bonds in order to finance prospecting?

3. No.

4. The Company has no plans at this time to finance prospecting by the sale of shares or bonds.

RECORDING OF EARTHQUAKES

Question No. 434—Mr. Rose:

1. Is there any recording of earthquakes by Canadian government scientists and, if so, did these scientists record a strong earthquake in the Aleutian Islands at the end of October 1969?

2. What was the shock measure of this earthquake on the Richter scale?

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):

1. Canadian Government scientists operate a standard seismic network which routinely records earthquakes at 24 locations widely distributed throughout Canada.

An earthquake in the Aleutian Islands near latitude 51° North and longitude 179° West,

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):

1. In March 1961, the Minister of Trade and Commerce advised that Eldorado Nuclear Limited should withdraw from the field of outside exploration and not proceed with its proposed 1961 program.

2. On July 19, 1968 the Government approved the re-entry of Eldorado into the field of mineral exploration, and directed that