

Order Paper Questions

Program for Export Market Development (PEMD) Provincial Distributions of Contributions Approved

	FY 78/79	(\$000)	FY 79/80
Alberta	821		639
British Columbia	864		957
Manitoba	241		628
New Brunswick	40		90
Newfoundland	35		46
Nova Scotia	148		420
Northwest Territories	—		—
Ontario	4,613		8,092
Prince Edward Island	32		58
Quebec	6,567		8,490
Saskatchewan	218		242
Yukon	—		—

In so far as Export Development Corporation is concerned:

3. For each of its financial years mentioned below, the total of its export financing loan agreements with foreign borrowers and financial guarantees signed to finance the sale of capital equipment and services sold by Canadian exporters was:

Year	Corporation account section 29 of the Export Development Act	Government account section 31 of the Export Development Act
(a) 1974	\$ 502,240,000	\$157,236,000
(b) 1975	\$ 885,000,000	\$250,000,000
(c) 1976	\$ 763,021,000	\$ 24,523,000
(d) 1977	\$1,087,498,000	\$ 94,897,000
(e) 1978	\$1,671,978,000	\$ 87,756,000
(f) 1979	\$1,992,131,000	\$ 80,683,000

The loans are made to foreign buyers and are not export financing assistance applicable to a province or territory since the network of suppliers and sub-suppliers spreads the benefits beyond provincial boundaries; as a result the corporation does not keep its records or statistics in the manner contemplated by the question. There are no statistics maintained which would permit ready retrieval of the information requested. In addition the corporation provides export credits insurance which may be used by exporters to facilitate bank financing.

CABINET COMMITTEES

Question No. 970—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. What are the names of the cabinet committees and what are their functions?
2. What are the names of the ministers who serve as (a) members (b) alternates on each committee?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1 and 2. Cabinet committees are an extension of cabinet, which remains the focus of decision-making in government. Committees enable ministers to consider issues coming before cabinet in greater detail than would otherwise be possible. The committees review and examine

ministers' recommendations for policies and programs, and have been delegated authority by cabinet to take decisions in their areas or responsibility, subject to cabinet ratification procedures. All ministers attend weekly full cabinet meetings. The list of cabinet committees, together with the names of the ministers and alternatives, where applicable, who serve on the committees, was tabled on July 10, 1980. The names of the cabinet committees indicate the areas of policy with which they are concerned. The cabinet committee system is closely integrated with the government's policy and expenditure management system. The committees which manage resource envelopes, and their respective envelopes at the present time, are as follows:

Committee	Envelope
Economic Development	Economic Development
Foreign and Defence Policy	External Affairs and Aid; Defence
Government Operations	Parliament; Government Services
Priorities and Planning	Fiscal Arrangements; Public Debt
Social Development	Social Affairs; Justice and Legal

NATIONAL DEFENCE—GUNS

Question No. 975—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Is the Department of National Defence buying "guns through 30mm" for \$23,873 and, if so, what type and how many of each type?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Yes. Thirty each .22 calibre rifles complete with slings, magazines and other accessories. These rifles are specialized biathlon rifles used for practising skiing and shooting and because of the special balance needed are essentially hand-made.

LOG HAULING CONTRACTORS—TAX CREDITS

Question No. 1,046—**Mr. Riis:**

Will log hauling contractors be treated the same as logging contractors for tax purposes and thus be eligible for investment tax credits on the purchase of logging trucks?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State, Finance): In the budget of November 16, 1978, the Minister of Finance announced that the scope of the investment tax credit was to be extended to transportation equipment acquired after November 16, 1978. Therefore logging trucks used in the transport of logs by a trucking company will ordinarily qualify