

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION—NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Question No. 231—Mr. Herbert:

How many (a) permanent (b) term employees were on the Department of Regional Economic Expansion's payroll on March 31, 1979?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: (a) 1,722 (b) 126.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—POSSIBLE LOSS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Question No. 268—Mr. Herbert:

Will a unilingual French-speaking spouse of a Department of Veterans Affairs employee who moves to Prince Edward Island lose any unemployment insurance benefits because of the inability of that person to speak the English language?

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): A claimant does not lose the right to unemployment insurance benefit by the mere fact of not speaking the language of the majority of the population in the area where he or she resides. What has to be determined is the person's availability, taking into account all the factors affecting it, including local labour market conditions. For example, a unilingual French person could quite conceivably work in an English-speaking environment, if the work required little or no knowledge of English.

It is the guiding principle that is at issue here. Each case must be studied separately, in the light of the facts, by the local benefit entitlement officers.

CANADA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Question No. 383—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of Texasgulf Inc.?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Question No. 384—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of Ventek Limited?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Question No. 385—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of AES Data Systems Limited?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

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Question No. 386—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of CDC Data Systems Limited?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Question No. 387—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of CDC Life Sciences Inc.?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Question No. 388—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of Petrosar Limited?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Question No. 389—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of CDC Oil & Gas Limited?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Question No. 401—Mr. Herbert:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits of the Canada Development Corporation?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): 1. In response to questions 383-389 and question 401 concerning the Canada Development Corporation and its subsidiaries, it should be noted that the Canada Development Corporation is a private sector corporation in which the Government of Canada, along with some 18,000 other shareholders, holds an equity interest. Canada Development Corporation is neither a crown corporation nor an agent of Her Majesty. The government does not have any official knowledge of the corporation or its subsidiaries not available to the public. To assist the hon. member, the 1978 Annual Report of the Corporation, which is obtainable from the secretary of the company, Suite 2272, 200 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1S4 shows results for the subsidiaries as follows:

	Year ended December 31			
	1977		1978	
	(\$ millions)			
	Revenues	Net Income	Revenues	Net Income
Question 383—Texasgulf Inc.	\$491.1	\$46.3	\$ 608.9	\$50.1
Question 384—Ventek Ltd.	—	—	8.2	.5
Question 385—AES Data Systems Ltd.	—	—	34.4	.9
Question 386—CDC Data Systems Ltd.	—	—	44.6	1.3