

fairs (a) from other departments (b) from sale or services to industry (c) to provincial government departments (d) to municipalities?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): (a) n/a; (b) n/a; (c) n/a; (d) n/a.

PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION—VOLUNTARY
GUIDELINES, 1970

Question No. 1,274—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. In preparing its voluntary guidelines in 1970 did the Prices and Incomes Commission make any normative assumptions about the distribution of income?

2. Did the Prices and Incomes Commission consider what the impact of its guidelines policy would be on the distribution of income and, if so, what was the expected impact?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I have been informed by the Chairman of the Prices and Incomes Commission as follows: (1) The pricing criteria approved by the National Conference on Price Stability and endorsed by the Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers were intended to ensure a narrowing of average profit margins for the business sector of the economy as a whole during 1970. The wage and salary criteria, in conjunction with the pricing criteria, implied a greater moderation of the rise of consumer prices during 1970 than the corresponding moderation of the rise in average compensation per employee. Wage increases for employees earning \$2.00 per hour or less were specifically exempted from the suggested upper limit of six per cent. (2) Taken as a whole, the guidelines for 1970 were intended to be consistent with some enlargement of the share of employee compensation in net national income during the year, involving some contraction of other income shares, including corporate profits.

REDUCTION IN LEVEL OF PRICE INCREASES, 1970

Question No. 1,283—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Did the Prices and Incomes Commission contribute to a reduction in the rate of price increases in 1970?

2. To what factors other than its own activities does the Prices and Incomes Commission attribute the reduction in the level of price increases in 1970?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): I have been informed by the Chairman of the Prices and Incomes Commission as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Canada's price performance in 1970 was the result of several factors in addition to the price restraint program. These include a weaker demand for goods and services, the appreciation of the Canadian dollar, and special circumstances affecting food prices in certain parts of the country.

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Orders for Returns

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

PUBLIC WORKS—HIRING OF ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS

Question No. 379—**Mr. Coates:**

1. How many architectural firms have been retained for specific projects by the government since June 25, 1968?

2. (a) What are the names of the firms retained (b) what is the specific project in each instance (c) what is the amount they have received to date in fees and expenses for services rendered (d) what will be the final estimated cost in fees and expenses in each instance?

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GRAIN—CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ACCOUNTS

Question No. 617—**Mr. Douglas:**

1. What was the surplus or deficit in the Canadian Wheat Board accounts for durum wheat, other wheat, oats and barley in each of the past twenty crop years?

2. How many bushels of each class of grain were delivered in each of the same years?

3. In cents per bushel, what were the initial and final Wheat Board payments on the top grade of each of those four types of grain in each of the same years?

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FEDERAL CONTRACTS LET TO KATES, PEAT AND
MARWICK

Question No. 675—**Mr. Skoberg:**

1. How many federal contracts have been let to the consulting firm of Kates, Peat and Marwick, in 1968 and 1969 (a) what was the total cost of the contracts in 1968 (b) what was the total cost of the contracts in 1969?

2. How many of these contracts for consulting services were awarded by competitive tender?

3. Were there any contracts let to the firm of Kates, Peat and Marwick concerning the survey of coal reserve estimates in any part of Canada and, if so, in what areas?

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT INTENTION REGARDING PUBLIC ORDER
(TEMPORARY MEASURES) ACT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to ask the Minister of Justice whether, in light of answers given last week in the House, he is now in a position to tell the House what action, if any, is intended with regard to the Public Order (Temporary Measures) Act, sometimes referred to as the Turner act? Can the minister tell the House now what will happen to it?