

ordered for consideration under government orders later this day or at the next sitting of the House.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Kilgour (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 237, 285, 363 and 380.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

ENERGY MINES AND RESOURCES—MINING PRODUCTS—INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

Question No. 237—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

Did the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources appoint someone responsible for the sale of mining products on international markets and, if so, what is his/her name?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: No.

PUBLIC WORKS—LANDS AND PROPERTIES—PROPOSALS

Question No. 285—Mr. Herbert:

1. Did the Minister of Public Works, in a speech on September 19, 1979, ask for proposals for the use of lands and properties managed by the Department of Public Works and, if so, how many proposals have been received to date and for which lands and properties?

2. Will the minister advertise which lands and properties are to be considered for use by the provinces or other interested groups and individuals and, if so, in what locations will it be possible to review the notices?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Minister of Public Works):

1. Yes. The request was made in a speech made to the Federal and Provincial Conference of Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Public Works, Government Services and Supply and Services at St. Andrews, New Brunswick. It was made in the context of the minister's call for co-operation and support from his provincial and municipal colleagues and for the elimination of the politics of confrontation from inter-governmental relationships. As of this date, there have been no proposals received.

2. Public disclosure of negotiations related to real estate, between two levels of government is dependent upon the willingness or desirability of both parties to discuss their interest. In this case the Minister of Public Works on behalf of the federal government is willing to make public any properties under discussion; however, the wishes of the concerned provinces or municipalities must be the controlling factor. Since no proposals have yet been received, it is impossible to determine if disclosure can be made in individual cases. In the event that

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the need for confidentiality is not required, a public announcement of the properties under consideration will be made for all negotiations of significance and naturally all transactions will be made public when they are finalized by an order in council.

The same general rules and practices apply in negotiations between the public and private sectors; however, disposals to the private sector which only take place after other levels have been consulted, result from public proposal calls that are advertised in the printed media. It will be possible to review all announcements in the office of the Minister of Public Works.

PUBLIC WORKS—FREEZE ON WORK ORDERS

Question No. 363—Mr. Herbert:

1. Has there been a freeze on all new work orders in the Department of Public Works and, if so (a) is the freeze still in effect (b) for what period of time is it anticipated that the freeze will remain in effect?

2. Did the Minister decree that all new orders must bear his personal signature?

3. Are there now over 4,000 work orders awaiting the signature of the minister?

4. When work orders are not being signed, what instructions are given to employees to ensure that they can continue to be gainfully employed?

5. What is the estimated cost for those employees that are presently without work awaiting the release of the orders?

6. How many claims have been received from private contractors for extra costs relating to such delays?

7. What additional costs are anticipated, resulting from the winter expenses for work that was tendered to be carried out in the late summer and fall months?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Minister of Public Works):

1. There has been no freeze on new work orders in Public Works Canada. However, there has been a marked reduction in the number of work orders being issued due to the deferral of non-essential work during the period of restraint.

(a) not applicable

(b) not applicable.

2. No.

3. No.

4. Not applicable.

5. Not applicable.

6. Not applicable.

7. No additional costs are anticipated.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE PHILIP—PAINTING AT RIDEAU HALL

Question No. 380—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Is there a painting of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip in the Ball Room at Rideau Hall, arranged by the government and, if so, what was the name of the artist and (a) how much was he/she paid (b) what number of hours did he/she spend on the portrait?

2. What department commissioned the portrait and on what date?

3. What are the names of all the persons in the government who had anything to do with the decision to commission the portrait?

4. What are all the qualifications of the artist that led to the government commissioning the portrait?