

Mr. Maurice Foster (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 4, 33, 100 (supplementary), 683, 693, 777, 913, 956, 1,157, 1,210, 1,212, 1,240, 1,266, 1,269, 1,289, 1,290, 1,302, 1,310 and 1,316.

Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 9, 73, 293, 343, 368, 426, 522, 561, 986, 1,029 and 1,103 could be made orders for returns, these returns would be tabled immediately.

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

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DREE—SPECIAL ARDA PROGRAMME

Question No. 4—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. What was (a) the name and location (b) the application number (c) the estimated number of jobs to be created (d) the total cost of the projects (e) the maximum possible grant allowances of all projects applied for in British Columbia under the special ARDA Programme of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion from February 8, 1971, to date?

2. Can the Minister advise how much of a grant and how much in the value of loans have been made under the special ARDA Programme and/or any other Department Programme to Tofino Fisheries Ltd.?

3. Who are the executives of this firm and are any Indians or non-status Indians?

4. What is the number of employees in this operation and how many of these employees are Indians or non-status Indians?

5. Can Indians, non-status or status, apply directly for grants under the special ARDA Programme?

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): All applications remain confidential until an offer of assistance is accepted by the applicant. As of September 30, 1974, 175 applications had been received of which 108 are still in the active files. 1. (a) and (b) The list of applicants who have accepted offers is as follows: Project No. 49200, Lamalchi Bay Association, Chemainus; Project No. 49503, BCANSI Building Corp., Williams Lake; Project No. 49500, Kanata Cattle & Hay Project, Kamloops; Project No. 49509, Seabird Developments Ltd. Agassiz; Project No. 49508, Pacific Rim Mariculture, Bamfield; Project No. 49502, Rene E. Dumont, Tofino; Project No. 49511, Nicola Valley Indian Services Association, Merritt; Project No. 49514, Fountain Ranch Ltd., Lillooet; Project No. 49510, Tofino Fisheries Ltd., Tofino; Project No. 49516, Spahomin Cattle Co. Ltd., Upper Nicola Indian Reserve; Project No. 49515, Sliammon Band Drive-In Theatre, Powell River; Project No. 49100, Interior Native Driving School, Quesnel; Project No. 49517, Bella Bella Hotel, Bella Bella; Project No. 49519, Cowichan Indian Coop Farm Association, Duncan; Project No. 49521, Herbert C. Wood, Vevenby; Project No. 49520, Spallumcheen Developments, Enderby; Project No. 49525, Talbot Commercial, Parksville; Project No. 49522, Neskainlith Recreational Complex, Chase; Project No. 49529, Leonard George Guiding, Telkwa; Project No. 49527, Bella Bella Fish Processing, Bella Bella.

NOTE: When an offer has been accepted, the application number is discarded and a project number is assigned.

(c) Estimated number of jobs expected to be created as a result of accepted offers is 310. (d) The total cost of assisted projects is: \$5,813,100. (e) Maximum possible

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DREE grant allowance (resulting from offers accepted up to September 30, 1974) is: \$1,799,600.

2. The grant offer made under Special ARDA (there are no loans available under the Program) was \$553,100 of which \$300,019.40 has been paid.

3. Mr. A. G. Tullock, President; Mr. T. R. Wingen, Secretary; Mr. E. T. Easton, Comptroller; There are no people of Indian ancestry among the executives of the company but one native person is involved in the management of this firm.

4. The Special ARDA Agreement with Tofino Fisheries Ltd. specifies 57 jobs or 684 man-months of employment are to be created. Two-thirds or more of the man-months of employment are to be available to people of Indian ancestry.

5. Yes—a majority of Special ARDA Applications for assistance in British Columbia are received from people of Indian ancestry.

AIR CANADA—CAR RENTAL FIRMS

Question No. 33—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. With reference to Part 1 of Question No. 325 of the Second Session of the 29th Parliament, which states in part that "each of the three major car firms in Canada (Tilden, Avis and Hertz) were approached regarding participation in this programme", did one of these companies deny being given an opportunity to bid on the exclusive two-year bid signed between Air Canada and Avis and, if so (a) which one (b) is the government prepared to withdraw this statement or produce documents showing the other two companies were given bids?

2. With reference to Part 3 of the same question (a) did Avis Canada advise the Cabinet that it would be selling its interest to Avis USA and, if so, did Cabinet give approval of this sale (b) did the then President of the Treasury Board, the Honourable C. M. Drury, have his Avis shares, which were being held in trust, recorded with the Prime Minister's Office?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):

1. (a) Air Canada advises that it stands by the answer given to Part I of Question 325 asked by Mr. Reynolds in the Second Session of the 29th Parliament that "each of the three major car firms in Canada were approached regarding participation in this programme". The airline has no knowledge that one of these companies has denied being given an opportunity to bid on the contract. (b) Documentation and contracts between Air Canada and private companies are considered proprietary information.

2. (a) No. It is not customary for individuals or companies to advise the cabinet as such, of their intentions. The Foreign Investment Review Act, which was not in force when the sale in question was completed, puts prospective purchasers, and not sellers, under an obligation to inform the responsible authorities of their intentions. In this instance, the sale represented the exercise by the purchaser of the terms of a contract that had existed between the two companies since October 1960. Despite the absence, at the time, of any obligation to do so, the purchaser, Avis Incorporated of the U.S.A., did inform the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, voluntarily, in June 1973 of the details of the proposed transaction, which was consummated well before the Foreign Investment Review Act was given royal assent in December 1973, subsequently proclaimed in March 1974. (b) The Prime Minister is aware that the shares in Avis Canada that were owned by