

answered today: Nos. 78 and 79. I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

CANADA STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

Question No. 78—**Ms. McDonald:**

1. In the last year, has the Canada Student Loans Program directorate received any complaints concerning Schedule 2 of the loans form and, if so, how many?
2. Are full-time post-secondary students being charged interest on their student loans because of errors in completing Schedule 2 and, if so, in how many instances?
3. Since September 4, 1984, has the Secretary of State used his ministerial discretion to forgive interest accumulating on a Canada student loan as a result of Schedule 2 not being completed when the debtor remains a full-time or part-time student and, if so, how many times?

Hon. David Crombie (Secretary of State of Canada): 1. The Canada Student Loans Program receives a great volume of telephone inquiries and correspondence on a daily basis, including complaints concerning Schedule 2. However, because records are not kept by subject matter, the number of complaints concerning Schedule 2 are not available.

2. No.
3. No.

VIA RAIL NON-SMOKING FACILITIES

Question No. 79—**Ms. McDonald:**

1. On VIA rail facilities are provisions for non-smoking passengers made for (a) completely smoke free air (b) designated but not separately ventilated non-smoking areas and, if so, what are they and (i) on which passenger train routes (ii) in which train stations do they apply?
2. Does VIA rail cancel its scheduled non-smoking train services and, if so, how frequently?
3. To the knowledge of the Government, have health and safety chairmen been appointed to promote smoking and to work against the establishment of a smoke free work environment and the protection of VIA rail passengers from side-stream smoke?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): 1. (a) Completely smoke free cars operate on all VIA trains serving the following routes: Montreal-Quebec City (South Shore), Montreal-Ottawa, Ottawa-Toronto (except the overnight train), Montreal-Toronto (except the overnight train), Toronto-Windsor, Toronto-Sarnia, Toronto-London and Toronto-Havelock.

(b) Designated but not separately ventilated non-smoking areas are provided: (i) on all other routes operated by VIA; (ii) in the following stations: Vancouver, Winnipeg, Windsor, Chatham, London, Woodstock, Stratford, Kitchener, Brantford, Toronto, Kingston, Belleville, Brampton, Guelph, Sudbury, Moncton, Sussex, Saint John, Campbellton, Bathurst, Sackville, Charlottetown, Truro, Sydney, Antigonish, Port Hawkesbury, North Sydney and Halifax.

2. VIA does not cancel non-smoking train services.
3. A health and safety committee has been established at VIA to work for, not against, the establishment of a smoke free environment. VIA is committed to improving the

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protection against side stream smoke for VIA's passengers wherever possible.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Parliamentary Secretary would be kind enough to indicate when I may expect a reply to Question No. 63?

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I shall take that under notice and get back to my colleague as soon as possible.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair should advise Hon. Members that we are, therefore, now on the item of Orders of the Day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

THE BUDGET

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Friday, April 3, consideration of the motion of Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre) that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps I should advise Hon. Members before we proceed with debate that because this is a Budget item there will be no Private Members' Hour or Adjournment Debate this evening.

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, the Budget which was presented to the House by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) on February 18, I would submit, is in many ways a most curious document. It is reported to have been said by some that it is an economic report card. If that is the case, it is certainly a report card which I would not want to take home to my parents, if I were a student.

The Minister said this Budget represents a breathing space prior to tax reform. Perhaps it gives the Minister of Finance and the Government a breathing space, and it certainly gives a breathing space to corporations which continue to enjoy tax benefits prior to tax reform, but it gives no breathing space to those who are required to pay more as a result of this Budget and the Minister's preceding Budgets. If one belongs to that class of persons called "the working poor", if one has no job at all, or if one lives in a region of Canada where economic disparity is its most apt description, there is no breathing space, because the tax burden is a little heavier and there is no relief in sight.