

Government Orders

(a) The federal government has provided a total of \$20,000 to the Northern Interior Vegetation Management Association through the federal component of the Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement (FRDA); \$10,000 were provided in the 1988-89 fiscal year and \$10,000 were provided in the 1989-90. In addition, the cost-shared research program of the FRDA funded a \$7,500 project to support the association in collecting and collating information on vegetation management trials in the northern interior.

(b) The responsibility for funding requests rests with Dr. T. John Drew, Regional Director General, Forestry Canada, Pacific and Yukon Region. Funds provided to the Northern Interior Vegetation Management Association to date have been approved under the auspices of the Research and Demonstration component of the FRDA, and are associated with an aggressive program of forest research in the northern interior of British Columbia.

(c) The association has not applied for funding in the 1990-91 fiscal year.

(d) Funds provided to the association by the federal component of the FRDA were used for the formation and operation of the association, which distributes a quarterly newsletter to its members and to Forestry Canada. This newsletter lists the association's current and planned activities and usually includes a summary of expenditures. In addition, a detailed summary of expenditures and accomplishments/projections is provided at the regular meeting of the association's Advisory Council for comments and approval.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 178 and 198 could be made Orders for Returns, those returns will be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that questions Nos. 178 and 198 be deemed to have been made Orders for Returns?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[Text]

EMPLOYMENT OF VISIBLE ETHNIC MINORITIES

Question No. 178—Ms. Mitchell:

For 1987, 1988 and for each month in 1989 to date, in the Department of Multiculturalism and Citizenship, what were (a) the titles and pay grades of the (i) clerical and manual (ii) lower, middle and upper management occupational categories (b) the number and percentage of jobs held by visible ethnic minorities in clerical and manual positions in (i) permanent, temporary and acting capacities (ii) full-time and part-time capacities (c) the number and percentage of jobs held by visible ethnic minorities in lower, middle and upper management positions in (i) permanent, temporary and acting capacities (ii) full-time and part-time capacities (d) the turnover rate for each position covered by parts (b) and (c)?

Return tabled.

NORTHERN TAX ALLOWANCE

Question No. 198—Mr. St-Julien:

As of December 1, 1989, are there areas in Canada designated "isolated areas" under the tax benefits plan by which taxpayers are eligible to receive the tax deductions provided for in section 110.7 of the *Income Tax Act* and sections 7302 and 7304 of the *Income Tax Regulations* and, if so (a) which areas (b) since what time have they been designated "isolated areas" (c) in each case, what is the total amount of tax money refunded per year?

Return tabled.

[English]

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

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

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52**CLOSING OF MINES IN ELLIOT LAKE, ONT.**

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 52, I wish to ask leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of giving urgent consideration to a pressing matter, namely, the announced closing last Friday of the Quirke mine and the Panel mine owned by Rio Algom Mines in Elliot Lake, Ontario, which will result in the loss of some 1,600 jobs, or 70 per cent of the workforce of the company in that community. It will have a devastating impact on the community.