

up a bit so that we are less cluttered. Yesterday and again today I requested copies of *Hansard* for the month of October just past. I have been informed that those copies are now kept in the Confederation Building and that it takes 15, 20 or 25 minutes to arrive to a Member who happens to be in his or her place in the House of Commons. I was wondering whether, in your capacity as administrator, you could see that copies of recent *Hansard* are kept in a location that is much more available to Members of the House so that, as we do our work in this Chamber, we can have access to the written record.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will make careful note of the representations of the Hon. Member.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

PETITIONS

MR. MITGES—TAXATION OF DISTILLING INDUSTRY

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to present a petition from constituents in my riding of Grey-Simcoe and surrounding areas who are deeply concerned and distressed by the actions of the provincial Governments and the federal Government regarding the ever-increasing taxation applied against the distilling industry. This has resulted not only in declined sales but a decrease of 2,000 jobs has already taken place in the industry.

The petitioners are firmly against these unjust increases in federal excise duty and sales tax on distilled spirits, and request that the taxation system be properly and sensibly revised to represent a reasonable and common-sense approach to this very important problem.

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DIVORCE ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-10, an Act to amend the Divorce Act.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the second time?

Mr. Evans: At the next sitting of the House.

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Order Paper Questions

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 69, 87, 123 and 128.

[Text]

NUMBER OF LAWYERS IN DVA

Question No. 69—**Mr. Howie:**

How many lawyers are employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs?

Hon. W. Bennett Campbell (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

Department of Veterans Affairs	1	Justice Department
Bureau of Pensions Advocates	39	
Pension Review Board	0	
Total	40	

DIAND—EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN PUBLIC RELATIONS

Question No. 87—**Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, media relations or publicity are employed by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has a total of 45 employees engaged in public relations, media relations or publicity.

FASHION DESIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Question No. 123—**Mr. Stewart:**

Is there a Fashion Design Assistance Program (FDAP) and, if so, for each fiscal year since its inception, what amount was spent under the Program?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Yes, a Fashion Design Assistance Program (FDAP) did exist from 1971 to 1982. The costs for each fiscal year since its inception are as follows:

1971-72—\$ 60,000	1975-76—\$199,000	1979-80—\$220,000
1972-73—\$ 58,000	1976-77—\$202,000	1980-81—\$281,000
1973-74—\$104,000	1977-78—\$222,000	1981-82—\$229,000
1974-75—\$202,000	1978-79—\$222,000	1982-83—\$ 33,000

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES SOURCING SYSTEM

Question No. 128—**Mr. Stewart:**

Is there a Business Opportunities Sourcing System (BOSS) and, if so, for each fiscal year since its inception what was the cost to the taxpayer for the maintenance of a computer listing of Canadian manufacturers, international trading houses and services under the system?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Yes, a Business Opportunities Sourcing System (BOSS)