2. The total amount contracts and subcon- 1969/70 were as follows: tracts awarded for fiscal years 1968/69 and

Fiscal Year	Price Contracts	Subcontracts	Total
1968-1969 1969-1970	\$363,013 \$320,982	\$ 731,594 \$1,327,272	\$1,094,607 \$1,648,254
(estimated)	, , , , , ,		

ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Question No. 1,628-Mr. Broadbent:

Has the government given any consideration to the problem of discrimination against women in the labour market during its meetings with representatives of the provincial governments and, if so, has the federal government discussed with the representatives of the provincial governments the matter of provincial legislation which would accord with the United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination against women so that Canada might ratify this Declaration?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): The United Nations Declaration on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women is not open to ratification. The matter of discrimination against women in employment has been the subject of federal-provincial discussions. Canada ratified International Labour Convention number 111, dealing with discrimination in employment, in 1964, following consultation with the provinces.

FEDERAL PROGRAM TO EMPLOY WOMEN AS ECONOMISTS, LIBRARIANS AND STATISTICIANS

Question No. 1,629-Mr. Broadbent:

- 1. How many women are currently employed in the federal public service program to employ economists, librarians and statisticians on a part-time
- 2. Has this program proved successful and (a) if so, is the government planning to extend this program to other job categories (b) if not, for what reason?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. Eight.

2. The program was launched as a pilot project to determine the availability of women with skills in the fields of economics, statistics and library science to work on a parttime basis and the capability of government departments to utilize these skills on a parttime basis. Relatively few women with skills at the levels required were identified as a result of the program. The program did demonstrate that employment of part-time workers

[Mr. Richardson.]

in some professional fields is feasible in some government departments. The special regulation under which the program was established has not been renewed as it was found the program could be carried out under the provisions for part-time work which apply generally across the Public Service. It is therefore possible to continue to employ women with professional skills on a part-time basis.

[English]

MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION CONSULTANTS

Question No. 1,677—Mr. Robinson:

How many consultants have been engaged by the Department of Manpower and Immigration during each year 1950 to 1970 inclusive (a) what was the cost of the consultants (b) how were the consultants utilized (c) for what reasons were the consultants necessary?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Since its establishment in 1966 to 1970, the Department of Manpower and Immigration has engaged 125 consultants. (a) The cost was approximately \$669,841; (b) The consultants were utilized to carry out analysis, planning, organization, and evaluation studies for the Department; (c) The consultants were necessary because the work was beyond the capabilities of departmental resources.

REMOVAL OF REFUSE FROM HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Question No. 1,721—Mr. Mather:

- 1 Approximately how many tons of papers, leftover or waste, are removed from the Houses of Parliament each month?
 - 2. On what basis is this removal carried out?
- 3. What revenue does the waste paper bring to the public?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as Crown Assets Disposal Corporation is concerned: 1. Approximately 10 tons.

- 2. By contract government buildings are scheduled for a regular pickup of all left over and waste paper.
 - 3. \$12,000 per annum.