

Order Paper Questions

pared to put out scheduled programs week by week if conditions get worse than they are.

However, yesterday, as I said, the rain came. It did not cover the whole prairie, but who knows what tomorrow will bring? We are prepared to take action as necessary. We have a long-term program to deal with the effects of the drought, and we think it will be accepted by all the people concerned. By this I mean not only those who live on the prairies, but people in the whole of Canada, because everyone in Canada should be concerned about this situation.

Mr. Speaker: Introduction of bills.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I wonder whether a suggestion of mine might be accepted. The notice regarding the bill on the unemployment insurance matter is on the notice paper. This means we shall not get it until Monday. Since we are all agreed on that measure, I wonder whether two of the ministers who are here could not move and second its introduction so that it can be printed and so that we would have it on Monday.

Mr. Goodale: That is a worthwhile suggestion, Mr. Speaker, and it would speed up matters. However, I would wish to make a couple of enquiries with regard to some technical points. Perhaps we could consider reverting to this item, by unanimous consent, later in the day, which would enable us to deal with the matter. I would be pleased to accept the hon. member's request if at all possible but, as I say, I should like a bit more time to deal with certain technical aspects.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Let's do it when we come back from lunch.

Mr. Goodale: We will try.

EXCISE TAX ACT

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF WAYS AND MEANS

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Finance I should like to request that in accordance with Standing Order 60(2) an order of the day be designated for consideration of notices of ways and means related to the Excise Tax Act tabled on March 31, 1977, and April 18, 1977.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 787, 1,808, 1,816, 1,819, 1,983, 2,033, 2,048, 2,057, 2,077, 2,257, 2,259, 2,282 and 2,291.

[Text]

CMHC—EMPLOYEES AND PERSONNEL COSTS 1968 TO 1975

Question No. 787—**Mr. Gilbert:**

1. For each year 1968 to 1975, how many persons were employed by CMHC as (a) full-time (b) part-time (c) contract (d) temporary employees?
2. For each of the same years, what percentage of CMHC's budget was allocated to salaries and other personnel costs?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I am advised by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows: 1 and 2.

Employees of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, 1968-1975

Year	Number of Employees ¹					Total	Salaries and Staff Benefits
	Regular	Part-Time	Contract	Temporary	Total Budget ²		
1968	2086	7	43	—	2136	percent	
1969	2126	7	36	—	2169	.02	
1970	2170	8	63	—	2241	.02	
1971	2364	12	100	—	2476	.02	
1972	2562	22	119	—	2703	.03	
1973	2734	40	194	—	2968	.03	
1974	2931	51	177	—	3159	.03	
1975	3311	53	199	—	3563	.02	

¹ As at December 31.

² Capital and Administrative Budgets, Main Estimates (grants and subsidies).

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PENITENTIARY IN ST. JOHN'S, NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 1,808—**Mr. Crosbie:**

1. Did the then Solicitor General of Canada and the Minister of Justice of Newfoundland at a joint press conference announce approximately three years ago, that a new penitentiary would be constructed in St. John's to replace the present 100 year old penitentiary and that construction would start within the next twelve months and, if so, on what date will construction commence?

[Mr. Whelan.]

2. (a) Have all necessary studies by consultants in connection with the requirements for such a new facility been completed (b) have architects been appointed to do the necessary detailed plans and designs?

3. Has any agreement been reached by the government and Newfoundland on the financial contribution of each towards the capital costs of the new penitentiary and (a) if so, what is it (b) if not (i) what position has been taken by the government (ii) what percentage of the cost has the government offered to meet (iii) what are the reasons of the government for any position that may have been put forward with respect to cost-sharing?