

*Order Paper Questions*

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by Statistics Canada and the Department of Labour as follows: 1. Early in 1970, at the request of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, interdepartmental arrangements were developed aimed at eliminating the duplication caused by the concurrent operation of the Department of Labour's annual survey of labour organizations and the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act. Under these arrangements, information submitted by unions to the Department of Labour in fulfillment of the January 1, 1971 survey requirements were made available to Statistics Canada to satisfy the major portion of the 1970 reporting requirements of Section 9 (a) of the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act. For this reason, certain additional items of information were requested of unions by the Department of Labour in their January 1971 survey. This arrangement did not reduce the legislative requirements of the Corporations and Labour Unions Returns Act as information which was not available through the Canada Department of Labour survey was obtained directly by Statistics Canada. Following the 1970 survey year, this arrangement was terminated.

2. (a) The Department of Labour publishes union membership data and related information by authority of the Department of Labour Act, R.S., c. 72, s. 4; (b) there is no jurisdictional incongruity.

## REVIEW OF INCOME TAX FORMS

Question No. 2,089—**Mr. Crouse:**

In view of the universal unrest throughout Canada over the present inadequate, complicated, and unjust income tax forms, is the Minister of National Revenue planning to review this matter, with the objective of providing a more practical, simplified form for the payment of income tax next year?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Insofar as the Department of National Revenue, Taxation is concerned: The premises on which the question is based are considered to be invalid and therefore no review has been planned based on them. There is a continuing program aimed at simplification of income tax forms and the forms are reviewed each year. During this review, suggestions made by taxpayers, tax practitioners and other interested persons are considered as well as the experience of the department during the previous filing season. Furthermore, the Minister has invited suggestions in this respect from all members of parliament and still awaits with interest those of the hon. member for South Shore. It should be noted that in addition to providing for the various features of the Income Tax Act, the 1972 Income Tax form was designed to serve the needs of nine provincial Income Tax Acts, Canada Pension Plan, Quebec Pension Plan, Unemployment Insurance Act, Ontario property tax credit, and Manitoba education property tax credit. This relieved the public from having to file a multiplicity of separate forms. Every effort will continue to be made to keep the form as simple as possible and at the same time provide adequate guidance to the taxpayer both as to the declaration of his income and as to the deductions to which he may be entitled.

[Mr. Hellyer.]

## INFORMATION CANADA—PRINTING CONTRACTS

Question No. 2,132—**Mr. Stevens:**

1. How many individuals were either laid off or allowed to go on vacation from their jobs with the printing department of Information Canada (i.e. The Queen's Printer) in the 12 month period between October 30, 1971 and October 30, 1972 as compared with the period October 30, 1970 and October 30, 1971?

2. How many printing contracts were awarded to the private sector in the period from October 30, 1971 to October 30, 1972, as compared with the period of October 30, 1970 to October 30, 1971 (a) were public tenders requested in each case (b) were the tenders opened in public (c) what were the total amounts involved in each case?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** If the reference in the question to the printing department of Information Canada (i.e. The Queen's Printer) is meant to mean the Printing Operations of the Department of Supply and Services, the answer is: 1. No employees were laid off and no employees were allowed to go on vacation, other than those absences provided for in the Union agreements, during the period October 30, 1970 to October 30, 1972. By attrition there was a reduction in staff as follows: October 31, 1970 to October 31, 1971, 0.8 per cent; October 31, 1971 to October 31, 1972, 4.6 per cent.

2. Five thousand fifty-six printing contracts were awarded to the private sector by D.S.S. Printing Operations during the period October 30, 1971 to October 30, 1972. Two thousand nine hundred seventeen contracts were awarded during the period October 30, 1970 to October 30, 1971; (a) An invitation to tender was issued for all requirements. In a very limited number of cases, such as when there is only one known source of supply for an item, a sole source tender was issued; (b) No; (c) October 30, 1971 to October 30, 1972: \$22,731,000; October 30, 1970 to October 30, 1971: \$11,501,000.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT—PLUMBING CONTRACTS

Question No. 2,134—**Mr. Stevens:**

What are the names of the plumbing contractors and suppliers who have regular service contracts with the government in the National Capital area (a) were public tenders requested in each case (b) were the tenders opened in public (c) what are the contract amounts in each case?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** Palmers Plumbing Supply Ltd., Ottawa was awarded a Standing Offer contract on February 25, 1972 for the period ending June 30, 1973 for plumbing supplies. The financial limitation of this Standing Offer is \$260,000. Interprovincial Plumbing and Heating Registered, Ltd., Ottawa was awarded a Standing Offer contract on March 16, 1973 for the period from April 1, 1973 to March 31, 1975 for plumbing services. The financial limitation of this Standing Offer is \$16,000. (a) Yes; (b) no; (c) See above.

## \*OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

Question No. 2,161—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

1. How many programs or applicants proposed for support by Opportunities for Youth this year had previously been denied support by (a) Canada Council (b) any agency of the Department of the Secretary of State (c) any other federal grant-giving agency?