

*Order Paper Questions*

[Translation]

**REGULATIONS AND OTHER STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS****CONCURRENCE IN FIRST REPORT OF STANDING JOINT COMMITTEE****Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona)** moved:

That the first report of the Standing Joint Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments be now concurred in.

He said: I have had discussions with the other House leaders, Mr. Speaker, and I think I can say that we all support this motion. Even the Hon. Member for Edmonton East (Mr. Yurko) supports it.

Accordingly, would you kindly ask the House to put this motion to the vote?

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.  
(Motion agreed to.)

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[English]

**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: Nos. 321, 443, 444, 450, 487, 488, 557 and 577.

[Text]

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 234****Question No. 321—Mrs. Cossitt:**

1. To the knowledge of the Government, what was the longest period that a question remained on the Order Paper unanswered after having been repeatedly asked in each new session of Parliament and in each new Parliament?

2. (a) Has question No. 234, on the subject of Air Canada passes and the Canadian Transport Commission, been on successive Order Papers for approximately seven and one-half years (b) to the knowledge of the Government, was it one of the longest-standing questions left unanswered to date and, if so, for what reasons?

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** The information requested, if existing, might be available in the Index and Reference Branch of the House of Commons. See also Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fifth Edition, Citations 357 and 363.

**MARITIMES FOREST RESEARCH CENTRE, FREDERICTON, N.B.****Question No. 443—Mr. Howie:**

Is there a contemplated date for completion of the Maritimes Forest Research Centre at Fredericton, New Brunswick and, if so, what is it and what is the current estimated cost of the project?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works):** The Maritimes Forest Research Centre is part of a program involving shared common facilities with three other establishments. The research facility portion of the complex is scheduled for completion in February, 1986, at a cost of \$22.5 million.

**CUTTING WOOD ON CROWN LANDS****Question No. 444—Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1983 were any new rules for cutting wood on Crown lands at the Acadia Forestry Station and Canadian Forces Base Gagetown implemented and, is allocation of such rights now made by tender?

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** Since April 1, 1983 all cutting of wood on Acadia Forestry Station has been done by timber sales agreements which are issued after tender. Prior to that time, cutting was done by timber permits which were issued following an application from an individual. Since April 1, 1983, all new cutting and clearing on the military manœuvre area of Canadian Forces Base Gagetown has been done by timber sales agreements issued after tender. On the remainder of the base, timber permits are still used for the sale of timber and are issued to traditional operators for cutting on their traditional cutting areas.

**CANADA TOMORROW CONFERENCE****Question No. 450—Mr. Howie:**

To date what was the total cost of the Canada Tomorrow Conference and what were its purposes and objectives and did it achieve them?

**Mr. Rolland Dion (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Economic and Regional Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology):** The Government of Canada sponsored the "Canada Tomorrow" Conference to begin a process of consultation among Canadians who are developing, implementing and being affected by technological change.

The total cost of expenditures and commitments related to the "Canada Tomorrow" Conference was \$651,000. Included in the figure are preparation for the Conference, the commissioning of research papers, administration for the conference and the production of the Conference follow-up materials: a summary, to be made available to the general public; and, a record of proceedings, collection of commissioned papers and hour-long videotape summary, to be sold to interested parties.

The Conference was successful in defining the critical issues of technological change. It was the first Conference to feature such extensive participation from the different sectors and was the beginning of an ongoing process of exchange.

**PURCHASE OF MINGAN ISLANDS, P.Q.****Question No. 487—Mr. Howie:**

Did the Department of the Environment agree to purchase Mignon Island in the Province of Quebec and, if so (a) at what cost (b) for what purpose (c) on what date was the transaction completed?