

directory was printed every three months. This met the requirement of departments and agencies to publish the most current information available. In 1975-76 directory printings were reduced to three times per year to reduce production and publishing costs.

HUDSON INSTITUTE

Question No. 783—**Mr. Bawden:**

Did the government commission any studies by the Hudson Institute of Canada or the Hudson Institute between 1971 and May 1976 and, if so, what was the cost and subject of each such study?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 1972-73: Corporate Environment Program, \$19,600; 1974-75: Corporate Environment Program, \$11,880; European Research Program, \$4,950; Total, \$16,830. 1975-76: Corporate Environment Program, \$13,860; European Research Program, \$4,950; Total, \$18,810. 1971-72 and 1973-74, Nil. In so far as the Ministry of State for Science and Technology is concerned: 1971-72: Nil. 1972-73: \$27,500 to participate in the Third Phase of the study "The Corporate Environment, 1975-1985". 1973-74: Nil; 1974-75: Nil; 1975-76: Nil.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY—OUTSTANDING CASES

Question No. 901—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. As at the beginning of October 1976 under the Foreign Investment Review Act, how many (a) take-over cases (b) new business cases were outstanding?

2. In each case, how many months have elapsed since the date of the first application?

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned: 1. As of October 1, 1976 there were: (a) 67 reviewable acquisition cases outstanding; and (b) 83 reviewable new business cases outstanding.

2. With respect to cases outstanding on October 1, 1976, the elapsed time from the date a complete notice was received by the Agency to October 1, 1976, was:

Day Range	Number of reviewable acquisition cases	Number of reviewable new business cases
0- 30	20	29
31- 60	15	16
61- 90	8	14
91-120	7	10
121-150	3	7
151-180	5	5
181-210	1	2
211-240	4	—
301-330	1	—
361-390	1	—
391-420	2	—

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As of November 12, 1976, 27 of the 67 acquisition cases and 27 of the 83 new business cases had been resolved.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES—SURVEYS AND MAPPING BRANCH

Question No. 945—**Mr. Howie:**

1. (a) As of November 1, 1976, how many persons were employed by the Surveys and Mapping Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources (b) what are the total annual wages of those employed?

2. What is the total expenditure for printing by non-government printers by the Branch for each fiscal year ending March 31 (a) 1975 (b) 1976?

Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: 1. (a) 1,068 persons; (b) \$16,545,000.

2. (a) \$155,734; (b) \$62,821.

GOVERNMENT POLICY ON COMMUNICATIONS WITH PUBLIC

Question No. 977—**Mr. Beatty:**

Has the government in recent years studied the possibility of a policy which would require that federal documents and directives designed to be read by the public would have to be written in a way that would be easily understood by the average citizen and, if so (a) by whom was the study conducted (b) on what date was it completed (c) what were its conclusions (d) what action has been taken by the government as a result of such study?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): As a matter of policy, the Government has under constant review, through its Departments and Agencies, its communications with citizens and how best to ensure that the information to which they are entitled is readily available. The cost in manpower and time to gather information on the numerous means used to apply this policy would be prohibitive.

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[English]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 436 and 617 could be made orders for returns, these returns would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that questions Nos. 436 and 617 be deemed to have been made orders for returns?

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, we had no notice of the request that has been made. It might very well be reasonable, but I wonder if the hon. member could tell us whose questions are involved and what is the reason.

Mr. Goodale: Mr. Speaker, the second of the questions, No. 617, is a question from the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) and requests some rather detailed information about statistics of the Unemployment Insurance Commis-