

WATER DIVERSION

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I have eight petitions with the names of 326 people from communities throughout Okanagan—Shuswap. The petitioners are from Armstrong, Vernon, Falkland, Kamloops even, Enderby, Lumby and Salmon Arm.

They are concerned about the plans to divert a portion of the North Thompson and to sell that water to the California market. They are asking the government to state categorically that it will not permit our fresh waters to be dammed and diverted into the U.S.A and to state that Canadian waters are not for sale.

NATIONAL REFERENDUM

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): On another issue, I have a petition signed by a number of residents from the Vernon area in the Okanagan—Shuswap asking the government to hold a referendum upon the constitutional amendments as proposed by the government.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk)

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, Question No. 293 will be answered today.

[Text]

Question No. 293—**Mr. Milliken:**

What were the production and publication costs of the government's report entitled "The State of Canada's Environment"?

Hon. Pauline Browes (Minister of State (Environment)): Production and publication costs for The State of Canada's Environment and accompanying highlights document and brochure amount to \$1.5 million over a four-year period. This amount includes design, editing, typesetting, printing in both official languages, contracts for non-government authors, as well as nearly 100 external peer reviewers.

Supply

The report is being sold and distributed by the Canada Communication Group, which comes under the Department of Supply and Services Canada. The sale price is \$29.95 plus shipping and taxes.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The question as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary has been answered.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Jim Edwards (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 228 could be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 228 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

[Text]

Question No. 228—**Mr. Boudria:**

Which government department and agencies are currently developing computerized information systems and for each project not yet operating as intended, what was the original completion date, the revised completion date, the original cost estimate, the actual expenditures so far, and the revised cost estimate?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Edwards: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S. O. 81—ONTARIO ECONOMY

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Lee (p. 11449).