

*Order Paper Questions*

**Mr. Speaker:** Such a motion cannot be put before the House at this time.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**PETITIONS****MR. SARGEANT—TAXATION OF DISTILLERY PRODUCTS**

**Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to present another petition from constituents of mine, 164 in number, bringing the total to 609 of my constituents who are distillery workers, their families or friends, who are concerned about the unfair taxation of their product and the resulting loss of jobs at their plant in Gimli, Manitoba. They call upon Parliament to replace the system of automatically indexing excise taxes with a system which will permit a knowledgeable and realistic application of those duties.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Douglas Fisher (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3, 52 and 378.

[Text]

**FEDERAL IDENTITY PROGRAM****Question No. 3—Mr. McKenzie:**

In the fiscal year (a) 1979-80 (b) 1980-81 (c) 1981-82 (d) 1982-83 (e) 1983-84, what was the total amount budgeted for the signage renewal program of the Public Works Federal Identity Program and, in each case, what was the total cost?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works):**

Federal Identity Program  
Signage Renewal

Fiscal Year	Total Amount Budgeted	Total Cost
(a) 1979-80	\$ 619,000	\$1,432,000***
(b) 1980-81	365,000	1,482,000***
(c) 1981-82	2,150,000	2,225,000***
(d) 1982-83	368,000	182,000
(e) 1983-84	1,957,000*	527,019**

\* Budgeted \$ as at November 30, 1983

\*\* Actual expenditures to November 30, 1983

\*\*\* Expenditures over budget due to acceleration of this priority program by redeployment of funds from lesser priority budget areas within Public Works Canada program.

**NEW BRUNSWICK—SPRUCE BUDWORM SPRAYING PROGRAM****Question No. 52—Mr. Howie:**

1. Did the Government assist New Brunswick with a spruce budworm spraying program in 1983 and, if so (a) at what cost (b) what areas were sprayed?
2. Was an analysis of the spraying operation made and was it considered effective?

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment):** 1. The Government of Canada did not assist the Government of New Brunswick with the spruce budworm spray program in 1983, except for technical advice on effectiveness of spray materials and means of application.

(a) Not applicable.

(b) Under the direction of the Provincial Government of New Brunswick about 1.5 million hectares were treated for spruce budworm suppression in 1983 in various parts of the Province but concentrated heavily in mid and northern New Brunswick.

2. Yes, an analysis was made by New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources. The spray program was successful in meeting the objective of tree protection.

**PERSONS EMPLOYED IN OFFICE OF CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER****Question No. 378—Mr. Howie:**

1. In the current fiscal year how many persons are employed in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer and what is the total estimated cost of salaries?
2. For each of the two preceding fiscal years what amount was spent for salaries?

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Chief Electoral Officer that in so far as the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer is concerned, the answer is as follows:

	Salaries			
	Current Year		1982-1983 Expenditures	1981-1982 Expenditures
	1983-1984 Forecast Expenditures	1983-1984 Person-Years Forecast		
Continuing employees	\$1,568,000	51	\$1,327,000	\$1,261,000
Term (statutory)				
Electoral boundaries Readjustment Act (subsection 28(2))				
and				
Canada Elections Act (subsection 5(3))	726,000	31	517,000	71,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,294,000</b>		<b>\$1,844,000</b>	<b>\$1,332,000</b>