

Point of Order—Mr. Donald Munro

am tabling in both official languages revised budget tables dated April 22, 1983.

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to ask the Minister of State for Finance (Mr. Cosgrove) whether this is in response to the request by the Hon. Member for York-Peel (Mr. Stevens).

Madam Speaker: I suppose the Leader of the Opposition may find that out when he consults the documents which have now been tabled.

Mr. Nielsen: I doubt it.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. MUNRO (ESQUIMALT-SAANICH)—REQUEST FOR INDEX TO PERMANENT AND PROVISIONAL STANDING ORDERS

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. My recollection is that when we agreed to the Permanent and Provisional Standing Orders taking effect at the beginning of this part of this very long session to be accepted for use in this particular part of the session for this calendar year, there was an undertaking that there would be an index provided to supplement the Table of Contents.

I have raised this question on a number of occasions. I raised it on that first day. I have raised it quite frequently since then. I understand there were requirements of the Queen's Printer, as I hope she is still called, to produce the index as soon as the budget papers have been corrected, amended, re-corrected, re-edited and now revised. I gather that that process is now complete. It may or may not be complete; there may be more revisions.

The index to our Standing Orders, permanent and provisional though they may be, is a matter that concerns all of us. I am just reminded once again that we are all waiting, not with bated breath because we would be out of breath if we were to continue bating our breath like this, for this index. I hope that within a measurable period of time we will see that index to the Permanent and Provisional Standing Orders of the House of Commons.

Madam Speaker: I have to thank the Hon. Member for his patience because I know how eagerly he is waiting for this index in order to be able to refer more easily to the Standing Orders. His patience is only equal to mine because I need this index even more than the Hon. Member. I must tell the Hon. Member that the Queen's Printer is actually printing the index, but there is trouble with the cover. The last news is that 200 copies will be ready on Monday. I will be getting those

200 copies. I am not in a position to determine, but I guess they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Is the cover coming out in a blushing red, Madam Speaker?

Madam Speaker: I have no idea!

Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton): May I respectfully suggest that the Hon. Member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) get the first copy and that it be autographed by you, Madam Speaker!

Madam Speaker: Good idea.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Jim Schroder (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Madam Speaker, the following question will be answered today: 4,721.

[Text]

JOHNS-MANVILLE CANADA INC.

Question No. 4,721—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

1. Has the Government received a request from Johns-Manville Canada Incorporated for a grant for \$35 million to maintain its mine operation in Asbestos, Quebec?

2. Has the Government advanced any money by grant or loan or loan guarantee during any of the past five years to this company?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Regional Economic Expansion are concerned:

1. Both of these Departments do not make public, for reasons of commercial confidentiality, information on whether a company application for assistance has been received unless and until it results in an accepted offer of assistance.

2. Both of these Departments have not advanced any money to this company by grant or loan or loan guarantee during any of the past five years.

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[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Jim Schroder (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Madam Speaker, if question No. 4,712 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Madam Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.