

3. (a) and (b)

Payments to Claimants up to September 30, 1980

Country	First	Last	Amount
Bulgaria	June 1967	August 1968	\$ 41,296.95
Hungary	May 1972	July 1978	1,500,540.88
Roumania	January 1973	October 1977	1,523,237.26
Poland	July 1973	In progress	1,161,984.30
Czechoslovakia	October 1974	In progress	980,177.39

Payments are complete in the case of Bulgaria but in the cases of Hungary and Roumania small amounts remain to be paid pending advice from the claimants. The interest earned by the fund made it possible to pay claimants more than the amounts received from those governments as shown in answer 2 (a).

- (c) Costs of adjudication and administration paid from the fund have amounted to \$684,274.62 up to March 31, 1980.

4. Fiscal Year End Balances of the Fund

Date	Balance
March 31, 1975	\$2,575,594.72
March 31, 1976	2,874,920.78
March 31, 1977	3,444,100.66
March 31, 1978	3,487,097.80
March 31, 1979	3,676,084.72
March 31, 1980	3,408,045.12

5. Payments are currently being made in respect of claims against Czechoslovakia but not in respect of Algeria.

6. Negotiations with Cuba in respect of Canadian claims have been completed and it is expected an agreement will be signed shortly. The government of Yugoslavia has agreed to investigate Canadian claims and it is expected negotiations will commence when those investigations are completed. Initial discussions have been held with the German Democratic Republic and the latter has agreed to investigate Canadian claims referred to it. There have been no negotiations held with the Soviet Union nor are any planned in the immediate future.

NATIONAL MUSEUMS

Question No. 1,695—**Mr. Herbert:**

For each of the past five years, by province, what amount was given by the National Museums of Canada to museums other than those in the national capital region?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by the National Museums of Canada that the reply to the above question is as follows:

Fiscal Transfers to Provinces

Province	1975/76	1976/77	1977/78	1978/79	1979/80
British Columbia	937,909	2,434,875	1,404,857	1,282,930	1,371,181
Alberta	279,192	524,204	991,497	631,253	696,627
Saskatchewan	851,495	546,543	339,473	449,707	419,172
Manitoba	588,223	720,365	544,053	698,616	582,951
Ontario	1,121,811	938,585	1,910,630	1,504,528	1,109,320
Québec	783,238	1,124,322	732,014	2,281,500	1,289,220
New Brunswick	672,889	601,759	272,144	961,400	608,150
Nova Scotia	225,819	459,010	944,460	914,759	1,150,870
Prince Edward Island	160,098	108,300	183,164	111,836	81,200
Newfoundland	176,494	436,329	406,615	251,083	195,300

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

● (1610)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

**FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS
AND ESTABLISHED PROGRAMS FINANCING ACT,
1977**

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Pierre Bussières (for the Minister of Finance) moved that Bill C-24, to amend laws relating to fiscal transfers to the provinces, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

He said: Madam Speaker, the bill whose second reading we are now broaching is designed to amend laws relating to fiscal transfers to the provinces. The bill now before the House will implement changes to the structure of fiscal agreements between the federal and provincial governments. Under those arrangements, the federal government will transfer over \$12 billion to the provinces in 1980-81. That amount reaches almost \$17 billion if we also take into account those payments related to the transfer of taxes under the Established Programs Financing Act. The financial effects of the changes provided under this bill are important in absolute terms and are an integral part of our efforts to limit government expenditures. However, they are of little importance compared with the total amount of transfers paid to the provinces by the federal government.

I should like to add that Bill C-24 is identical to Bill C-26 that was introduced on December 11, 1978. Moreover, the minister of finance of the previous government stated on November 6, 1979, before the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs that he intended to implement the provisions of Bill C-26. Bill C-24 therefore implements what has been federal policy for over two years.