

Order Paper Questions

southern Ontario as well as residents of the metropolitan area of Toronto and Saskatoon are concerned about legislation the Government has recently introduced that they believe will harm the interests of genuine refugees and of people seeking to come to Canada to claim refugee status. They point out that their petition has the support of members of all Parties, the Council of Churches, the Bar Association, the Jewish Congress and other groups and individuals.

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to ensure that the Government and Parliament enact legislation that will embody the principles of fair and quick oral hearings of refugee claimants before a refugee board, independent of the Immigration Commission, universal access to such hearings for every claimant in Canada and adequate opportunity to arrive in Canada to make this claim, and therefore your petitioners will ever pray.

[*Translation*]

CANADA POST—OPPOSITION TO CORPORATE PLAN

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to present in the House a number of petitions from the people in my riding, and more specifically, residents of Haute-Aboujagane, Notre-Dame, Cap-Pelé, Shédiac and Moncton.

Your petitioners humbly call on Parliament to make Canada Post drop its plans and deliver the mail to all Canadians, without distinction.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following question will be answered today: No. 115.

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CIDA—EDUCATION PROJECT IN ZIMBABWE

Question No. 115—**Mr. Manly:**

For each of the years 1983 to 1986, did CIDA budget funds for an educational project in Zimbabwe and, if so (a) in what amount (b) how many co-operants from Canada were employed in Zimbabwe on the project and what was the average salary?

Mr. Roger Clinch (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for External Relations): CIDA is funding a Secondary Education Assistance Project in Zimbabwe; during the years 1983 to 1986 CIDA spent approximately \$5.7 million on the project (implemented by the World University Service of Canada—WUSC).

Between 1983 and 1986 the number of Canadians on the Secondary Education Assistance Project varied between 100 and 150. Their salaries were paid by the government of Zimbabwe according to salary scales established for all

secondary school teachers in the country, and the CIDA funds mentioned above paid for allowances and project administration. The average salary was approximately \$12,000 (Zimbabwean dollars).

In addition to the above assistance, CIDA began in 1986 to implement a separate Technical/Vocational Education Project through the Ontario International Corporation of Toronto. By the end of last year nine co-operants had begun working under this project; CIDA disbursements for 1986 were \$422,000 covering salary top-up, allowances and project administration. The Canadian lecturers and curriculum developers on this project receive the Zimbabwe salary for the positions they occupy; CIDA tops-up that salary to the appropriate Canadian level so as to attract the desired calibre of professional staff. The average total salary paid is \$36,000 (Canadian dollars).

[*English*]

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, I would like to make the House aware that under Standing Order 64(3) and (4) it is a requirement that the Government answer certain questions on the Order Paper within the prescribed period of 45 days. However, according to my records, a question that I placed on the Order Paper dated February 20, 1987, bearing the number 82, and another question bearing the number 90 of March 4, 1987, have not yet been answered.

I know, of course, that it is not the Parliamentary Secretary who answers these himself, because obviously he would have done so already. However, I wonder if he could undertake to light a fire under the chair of those responsible to ensure that they observe the Standing Orders of the House.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague for bringing that to my attention. We will make inquiries and endeavour to have the questions answered as soon as possible.

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[*Translation*]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 63 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Mr. Speaker: The question mentioned by the Parliamentary Secretary has been answered. Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 63 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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TRAVEL TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN

Question No. 63—**Miss Nicholson:**