

pornography as one aspect of their literature from displaying such material so that it is visible to the public passing by on the street.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 217, 223, 307, 315, 340, 442, 534 and 724.

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

[Text]

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Question No. 217—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Export Development Corporation and how many are retired public servants?
2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as Export Development Corporation is concerned: 1 and 2. By tradition and as a matter of commercial principle Crown Corporations have not been required by Parliament to answer detailed questions on their administration and operation, and in the case of Export Development Corporation, the Export Development Act places the responsibility for such matters on its Board of Directors.

NUMBER OF PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT TO GENERAL ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD

Question No. 223—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the General Adjustment Assistance Board and how many are retired public servants?
2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. There are no persons under contract with the Enterprise Development Board, the successor to the General Adjustment Assistance Board.

2. There were no persons under contract to the General Adjustment Assistance Board during 1975 or 1976.

Order Paper Questions

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—PERSONNEL OBTAINED FROM PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Question No. 307—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Has the Export Development Corporation obtained (a) part-time (b) full-time employees from private employment agencies in (i) British Columbia (ii) Alberta (iii) Saskatchewan (iv) Manitoba (v) Ontario (vi) Quebec (vii) New Brunswick (viii) Nova Scotia (ix) Prince Edward Island (x) Newfoundland and, if so, in each case, how many?
2. Are such employees paid from supplementary estimates and, if not, from what estimates are they paid?
3. By province, what was the (a) average hourly rate paid to employment agencies (b) average hourly rate paid to employees (c) total amount paid by the Export Development Corporation in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as Export Development Corporation is concerned: 1, 2 and 3. By tradition and as a matter of commercial principle Crown Corporations have not been required by Parliament to answer detailed questions on their administration and operation, and in the case of Export Development Corporation, the Export Development Act places the responsibility for such matters on its Board of Directors.

GENERAL ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE BOARD—PERSONNEL OBTAINED FROM PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

Question No. 315—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Has the General Adjustment Assistance Board obtained (a) part-time (b) full-time employees from private employment agencies in (i) British Columbia (ii) Alberta (iii) Saskatchewan (iv) Manitoba (v) Ontario (vi) Quebec (vii) New Brunswick (viii) Nova Scotia (ix) Prince Edward Island (x) Newfoundland and, if so, in each case, how many?
2. Are such employees paid from supplementary estimates and, if not, from what estimates are they paid?
3. By province, what was the (a) average hourly rate paid to employment agencies (b) average hourly rate paid to employees (c) total amount paid by the General Adjustment Assistance Board in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. Neither the General Adjustment Assistance Board, nor its successor, the Enterprise Development Board have obtained part-time or full-time employees from private employment agencies in any Province.

2. See 1 above.

3. See 1 above.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION

Question No. 340—**Mr. Whittaker:**

1. Have any firms applied for sales tax exemption under the provisions of the last budget that cover new energy conservation equipment items and, if so, which firms?
2. What new items have been (a) approved (b) rejected under the energy conservation equipment tax exemption provisions?

Hon. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Minister of National Revenue): 1. Yes. It is impractical to provide the names of the hundreds of companies that have applied for an exemption. Many requests for exemption applied to the same product.