

Order Paper Questions

Improvement Loans Act and the Small Businesses Loans Act from January to December, 1974?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Applications for loans under guaranteed loans plans are made directly to chartered banks and other designated lenders. Records are maintained centrally by the government only in respect of loans granted under the guarantee and no data is available on the number of applications submitted to lenders.

EQUALIZATION PAYMENTS

Question No. 1,775—Mr. Reynolds:

In the recent press release from the Treasury Board dated February 19, 1975, will the additional \$414 million for other equalization payments be broken down by province as was the \$1,986,000,000?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): The \$414 million expenditure mentioned in the Treasury Board news release accompanying the 1975-76 Estimates refers to the expenditures itemized on page 8-18 of those Estimates. The expenditures consist of the following: Adjustments to prior years' equalization, \$60,000,000; Part V payment, provincial share of tax paid, under Part IX of the Income Tax Act, \$14,000,000; Part IV Payment, revenue guarantee, \$340,000,000; Total, \$414,000,000. A provincial breakdown of these payments is not presently available. Late in fiscal year 1975-76, information will become available from the public accounts of the provinces, from National Revenue, and from Statistics Canada which will allow a determination by province of these federal payments to be made.

***TELEVISION PROGRAMME—"SOME HONOURABLE MEMBERS"**

Question No. 1,791—Mr. Coates:

1. How many programmes of "Some Honourable Members" have been viewed by audiences in the current television season?

2. (a) What is the format of the programme (b) was it designed to expose Members of Parliament, other than national leaders of political parties and Cabinet Ministers?

3. Has there been a change of policy regarding the format of the programmes since its inception and, if so, when was a decision reached on the change of format and who made the decision?

4. Since the start of the present season of programmes, on how many occasions were (a) Members of Parliament who were not party leaders or Cabinet Ministers participants in a specific programme (b) party leaders or Cabinet Ministers the sole participant (c) Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament together?

5. By party, what has been the time allotted to Members of all political parties during the present season of programmes?

6. What are the names of Members who participated on each of the programmes in the present season of programming?

7. Does the CBC monitor this programme from the point of view of guaranteeing a political balance and (a) if so, who does the monitoring (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Because of the length of the answer to starred question No. 1,791 I wonder if the answer could be printed in *Hansard* as if it had been answered orally.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: The above answer reads as follows:*]

[Mr. Marshall.]

I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. Twenty-one.

2. (a) Discussion program between the moderator, Patrick Watson and one, two or three members of Parliament, sometimes supplemented by short pieces of film. (b) Yes.

3. Yes, the format was broadened for the current season to allow wider latitude in choosing guests. The program no longer is limited to using one member of each party as it had been the previous season. This decision was taken before the commencement of the current season by the responsible program officers in the CBC English TV network.

4. (a) 14 (including one Senator); (b) Six; (c) Two;

5. No time was allotted for members of all political parties. Liberals appeared on 16 programs, Progressive Conservatives on 13 (one of these was a Senator), New Democratic Party on nine, Social Credit on one.

6. Hon. Eugene F. Whelan, Simma Holt, Ray Hnatyshyn, Andy Hogan, James McGrath, Norm Cafik, Lorne Nystrom, Bill Rompkey, Jake Epp, John Rodriguez, Iona Campagnolo, Senator Grattan O'Leary, Peter Bawden, Robert Kaplan, Hon. Donald Macdonald, Hon. Alvin Hamilton, T. C. Douglas, John Roberts, Robert Wenman, W. A. Peters, Mark MacGuigan, Jack Marshall, Ed Broadbent, Hon. Robert L. Stanfield, Réal Caouette, Hon. Marc Lalonde, Ed Lumley, Elmer MacKay, Stuart Leggatt, Hon. Warren Allmand, Eldon Woolliams, Tony Abbott, Hon. Jean Marchand, Dean Whiteway, Les Benjamin, Hon. Otto Lang, Ron Huntington, Stanley Schumacher.

7. It is the expectation and record of this program series that it will reflect approximately the relative strengths of the parties. Its content is the responsibility of senior public affairs officers of the English TV network.

SPECIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CABINET ON SECURITY MATTERS

Question No. 1,809—Mr. Rodriguez:

1. What is the structure and membership of the Special Advisory Committee to the Cabinet on Security Matters?

2. How often does it meet?

3. What is its (a) legislative status (b) relationship to Cabinet Directive No. 35?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1 and 2. The information requested is not returnable by the government. The membership, structure and procedures of interdepartmental committees are normally not made public.

3. The committee in question is not established pursuant to specific legislation but as a part of the normal processes of administration. It does not have a specific relationship to Cabinet Directive No. 35 but is advisory on policy and procedures relating to security generally.

OFFICIAL POSITION AND TITLE OF MR. C. S. YARNELL

Question No. 1,811—Mr. Rodriguez:

1. What is the official position and title of Mr. C. S. Yarnell?

2. What are his qualifications for the position he holds?