

Order Paper Questions

man, woman, and child some \$500, and its detailed accounting of predatory and monopolistic business and trade practices, thus requiring the Government of Canada to take urgent and immediate action to put a stop to the biggest consumer rip-off in Canadian history.

Madam Speaker: The hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) has given me notice under the terms of Standing Order 26 within the time prescribed. The hon. member seeks to move the adjournment of the House to discuss the matter of price gouging by the petroleum industry as indicated by the release of a report yesterday.

I might mention at the outset that during yesterday's question period a substantial number of questions were posed to the government on this very subject, and today the hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) did indicate in his answers that the matter had been referred to the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission.

It has been ruled by my predecessors on several occasions that matters of this nature, having been referred either to the courts or an administrative body, are not proper subjects for debate in this House under the terms of Standing Order 26. Furthermore, the provisions of Section 5 of this Standing Order are very clear, in that the Chair "shall have regard to the probability of the matter being brought before the House within reasonable time by other means." I have not been convinced that the publication of a report, even on a very important subject, constitutes an emergency contemplated by this Standing Order.

The House is well aware that the main estimates and supplementary estimates, tabled recently, are now before the various committees of the House. Also, we are presently in a supply period which provides an opportunity for members to discuss a subject matter of their choice.

Therefore, for these reasons, I regret that I cannot accept the hon. member's application for a debate under Standing Order 26.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,803, 1,851, 1,876, 2,007 and 2,087.

[Text]

TASK FORCE ON SUPPLY AND PRICE OF SERVICED LAND

Question No. 1,803—Mrs. Mitchell:

1. What was the cost of the federal-provincial study, completed in 1978, entitled "Down to Earth: The Report of the Federal-Provincial Task Force on the Supply and Price of Serviced Land"?

2. Are volumes I and II of the study available to the public free of charge and, if not, what is the cost and where can copies be obtained?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): I am advised by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows: 1. The total cost of the study was \$529,789. CMHC's share of the cost was \$366,300 and the balance was provided through provincial contributions.

2. The two-volume report is available free of charge through the Canadian Housing Information Centre, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Montreal Road, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0P7.

DND—EXPENDITURE DIFFERENTIAL ON NEW FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

Question No. 1,851—Mr. McKinnon:

Do the Supplementary Estimates (B) for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1981, list an expenditure of \$97,990,000 on aircraft and engines—new fighter aircraft and does the contract with McDonnell Douglas Corporation call for payments of \$48,744,637 for the same period and, if so, on what is the additional \$49,245,393 to be spent?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): The list below shows the sequence of forecasts in regards to funds for the main contract and the project support elements identified in total program requirements but which are not part of the main contract with McDonnell Douglas.

The original submission which became Supplementary Estimates (B), subsequently, was made in December, 1979. The January, 1981, forecast is the total which will be spent up to March 31, 1981.

	Supplementary (B)	Sept. 80 Forecast	Jan. 81 Forecast
	Submission to TB in December, 1979		
Main Contract (U.S.)	48,771	48,771	48,771
Exchange	7,315	7,315	7,800
Contractor Spares	25,709	5,000	—
Maintenance Support Equipment	3,000	3,000	2,925
Missiles	3,066	3,400	6,460
Training Publications	—	—	2,287
Exchange Management Costs	5,124	1,461	937
Other Support (Simulated, ETC)	3,277	2,777	2,770
	1,728	5,330	1,923
Total	97,990	77,054	73,873