

the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau). Whether that answer was satisfactory or not is something the hon. member could take up at the next question period.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Roger Young (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 766, 815, 1,111, 1,211, 1,266, 1,456, and 1,502.

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

[Text]

RCMP—RECORD OF DOCUMENTS INCINERATED

Question No. 766—**Mr. Broadbent:**

1. Is there a practice, established either by statute, regulation, policy directive or otherwise, that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police maintain a list or file of all documents pertaining to investigations, that have been incinerated?

2. Is there a list of the documents that were incinerated by the RCMP on June 2 and June 3, 1977 and, if not, for what reason?

3. Is there a practice, established either by statute, regulation, policy directive or otherwise, that sets out the period of time that documents related to RCMP activities are maintained prior to their incineration or destruction and, if so (a) what is the period of time (b) was such a practice followed regarding the incineration of documents on June 2 and June 3, 1977 and, if not, for what reason?

4. Is there a practice, either by statute, regulation, policy directive or otherwise, that all documents, prior to their destruction by the RCMP, are microfilmed and, if so, was such a practice followed in relation to the documents that were incinerated on June 2 and June 3, 1977 and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): 1. No. The only requirement is a statistical report on the volume of records destroyed annually which must be submitted to the Dominion Archivist.

2. No. There is no requirement to compile or retain such a list.

3. Yes. This period is known as the retention period and is the time the records are retained prior to a review for disposition. This review may cause a record to be destroyed, to have a further period of retention added or to have the record classed as historical and thereafter retained indefinitely. (a) The retention periods are variable depending on the type of records and may be from one year and up as approved by the Dominion Archivist vide Public Records Order P.C. 1966-1749. (b) Yes.

4. No.

Order Paper Questions

UIC—BENEFIT CONTROL INVESTIGATION

Question No. 815—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Minister of Employment and Immigration aware that the *Ottawa Journal* of November 30, 1977 quoted him as saying that the so-called fraud squad within the Unemployment Insurance Commission had not been disbanded but "merely reorganized and it is ever vigilant to the situation"?

2. Was the Minister correctly quoted and, if so, has the situation changed since the answer to Question No. 2,765 of the Second Session of the 30th Parliament?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. Yes.

2. Yes he was correctly quoted, and, the situation on which the reply to question 2765 of the Second Session of the Thirtieth Parliament remains the same. The Special Investigation Division of the former UIC was organized between late 1973 and early 1974. At the end of 1974 the operations of the division, which had been carried out separately from the benefit control activity were decentralized and integrated with normal benefit control investigation activities. The Special Investigation Division has not been in existence since early 1975.

EXPENDITURES IN NICKEL BELT

Question No. 1,111—**Mr. Rodriguez:**

For each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of Nickel Belt by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and those agencies that report to it?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

Fiscal Year	Amount*
70/71	\$40,434
71/72	Nil
72/73	Nil
73/74	Nil
74/75	Nil
75/76	Nil
76/77	1,194
77/78	7,446

* Amounts are for grants and contributions only. Departmental accounting records for administrative and operational expenditures are not kept in a manner which readily allows breakdown by constituency.

In so far as Statistics Canada is concerned: For each fiscal year since 1970 the approximate expenditures in the constituency of Nickel Belt were as follows:

	Labour Force Survey \$	Census \$	Total \$
1970/71	2,000	49,000	51,000
1971/72	2,000		2,000
1972/73	2,100		2,100
1973/74	2,300		2,300
1974/75	4,000*		4,000