

Routine Proceedings

CHEQUES RECEIVED BY PRODUCERS FOR DROUGHT
ASSISTANCE UNDER THE CANADIAN DROUGHT
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Question No. 276—**Mr. Ferguson:**

Have any producers received cheques for drought assistance under the Canadian Drought Assistance Program administered by the Department of Agriculture and, if so (a) what number (b) what number have received or will receive letters requiring them to reimburse some or all of those monies because of (i) a correction in the determination of eligibility due to changes in the so-called "trigger yields" (ii) a failure of the Department to correctly cross-reference the application and certification (iii) any other errors made by the Department and, if so, which ones (iv) other factors and, if so, what factors and, for each factor, what is the explanation?

Hon. Charles James Mayer (Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State (Grains and Oilseeds)): Please see attached.

a) and b) On March 30, 1990 out of about 120,000 payments made there were 1,608 producers whose payment exceeded the amount which they were actually eligible for under the program. The following is a break-down of that number by reason for overpayment:

i) 1,320 due to a change in yield data supplied by the provincial Crop Insurance Agencies between the time of the interim and the final payment;

ii) 17 due to a failure to correctly cross-reference application and certification forms;

iii) 44 due to processing errors within the program administration;

iv) 55 due to errors made by producers on their application forms;

172 due to the fact that producer payments were less than what had been received under the greenfeed program (50 percent of payments made under the greenfeed program were deducted from CCDAP payments).

REMUNERATION RECEIVED BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE
BANK OF CANADA

Question No. 277—**Mrs. Sparrow:**

Is the government prepared to disclose the details of the remuneration received by the Governor of the Bank of Canada and, if so (a) what is his basic salary (b) does he receive any tax-free benefits and, if so, what are they (c) does he receive any salary supplements and, if so, what are they (d) does he have a pension plan and, if so, is it indexed to the rate of inflation (e) does he receive an annual salary increase and, if so, at what rate?

Hon. Michael Holcombe Wilson (Minister of Finance):
1a. It is Government policy to release the salary ranges but not the specific salary of an individual.

1b. No.

1c. No. See also attached Sec. 6(3)(c) of the Bank of Canada Act.

1d. Yes. As an employee of the Bank of Canada, the Governor is a contributing member of the Bank of Canada Pension Plan. The Governor is treated according to the same rules as other members.

Any pension payments under the Bank plan are adjusted annually on January 1, by the average of the Consumer Price Index for Canada for each month in the twelve-month period ending on the thirtieth day of September in the immediately preceding year.

1e. There is no statutory provision for automatic increases in the Governor's salary on an annual, or any other basis. (See attached Sec. 6(3)(c) of the Bank of Canada Act).

Article 6.3(c) of the Bank of Canada Act

6.(3)(c) The Governor and Deputy Governor subject to the approval of the Governor in Council, shall be paid such salaries as the directors determine, but no such remuneration shall be in the form of a commission or be computed by reference to the income or profits of the Bank.

RACE RELATIONS NETWORK

Question No. 281—**Mrs. Maheu:**

Was Ralph Agard of Toronto commissioned in recent months by the Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship) or his office to do a feasibility study on establishing a new race relations network and, if so (a) what were the terms of reference provided to him (b) who was responsible for setting the terms of reference (c) who did Mr. Agard consult (d) did the Minister, his office or the Secretary of State Department have any input into who would be consulted (e) what amount was Mr. Agard paid (f) were other costs incurred by Mr. Agard or any other persons on this project and, if so, what costs (g) since April 1, 1985, has he received any other contracts directly or indirectly from the Minister's office or the Department (h) will the Minister table the study report in the House of Commons?

Hon. Gerry Weiner (Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)):
Yes.

a) According to the terms of reference of the contract, the mandate was to give advice on issues relevant to both Departments (Secretary of State / Multiculturalism and