

809, 810, 829, 835, 837, 843, 844, 866, 890, 904, 921, 855, 984, and 1010.

If questions Nos. 71, 81, 85, 95 and 202 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

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

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#### PRIVATE PENSION PLANS

##### Question No. 16—Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):

1. How many persons are receiving pensions from private pension plans, such pensions being based on employment in Canada and what is the average pension per month received by such persons?

2. Of those indicated in the answer to Part (1), (a) how many are having their pensions escalated annually at a rate equal to the rise in the Consumer Price Index (b) how many are having their pensions escalated annually at a lesser rate (c) how many receive no annual escalation of their pensions?

3. How many persons are contributing to or are enrolled in private pension plans based on their employment in Canada?

4. Of those indicated in the answer to Part (3), (a) how many are in plans which provide, after retirement, for an annual escalation of their pensions at a rate equal to the rise in the Consumer Price Index (b) how many are in plans which provide, after retirement, for an annual escalation at a lesser rate (c) how many are in plans which provide for no escalation, after retirement, of their pensions?

5. How many persons in Canada are receiving retirement benefits from annuities, insurance plans, retirement savings plans or other schemes apart from employment-related pension plans and what is the average amount per month received by such persons from such plans?

6. Of those indicated in the answer to Part (5), (a) how many are having such benefits escalated annually at a rate equal to the rise in the Consumer Price Index (b) how many are having their benefits escalated annually at a lesser rate (c) how many receive no annual escalation of their benefits?

7. How many persons in Canada are enrolled in retirement plans of all types other than employment-related pension plans?

8. Of those indicated in the answer to Part (7), (a) how many are enrolled in plans which will provide, after the payment of benefits commences, for an annual escalation equal to the rise in the Consumer Price Index (b) how many are enrolled in plans which will provide, after the payment of benefits commences, for an annual escalation at a lesser rate (c) how many are enrolled in plans which will provide, after the payment of benefits commences, for no escalation?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of Privy Council):** In so far as the Department of National Revenue, taxation, is concerned: 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8: There are no departmental programs to capture this information either by analysis of documentation filed for registration purposes or through filing of special information returns.

In so far as Statistics Canada is concerned:

3. The latest year for which we have complete data on pension plan contributors is 1970. In that year, there were 2,822,000 persons contributing to private pension plans based on employment in Canada.

4. Statistics Canada cannot reply to this question as asked, however, of the above figures in part 3, 2,630,300 contributed to plans with no automatic escalation, and 191,700 contributed to plans that provided for automatic escalation of benefits after retirement. For 147,400 the

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escalation was limited to a maximum of 2 per cent or less per year and for 3,800 the ceiling was 3 per cent.

#### LIBERAL PARTY USE OF NATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE

##### Question No. 67—Mr. Cossitt:

1. What was the amount of the rental paid by the Liberal Party of Canada for use of the National Conference Centre by an international Liberal gathering earlier this year?

2. How many hours and on what dates was the Centre used for this purpose and what is the total number of government employees that were in any way involved?

3. On what date and by whom was the Liberal Party of Canada advised of the rental fee and on what date and by whom was the rental actually paid?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works):** 1. No rental was paid. Policy with respect to the non-official use of the Conference Centre has evolved as its degree of usage has increased. Its original purpose was to provide facilities for the larger federal-provincial conferences when the facilities of the West Block proved inadequate. First usage proved to be so successful that at present it is booked heavily for months and in some cases even a year in advance for official conferences.

Since its prime purpose was to serve governmental conference needs, and since these were taken to include inter and intra-departmental, federal-provincial, government/business and government/private group meetings, it was only incidentally used for non-governmental purposes in the earlier period when usage was not as heavy as it is now.

Because it was not intended that it would be used for other than government purposes, except in rare instances, no standard tariff has been established. Non-governmental users were charged for catering and similar expenses, including the cost of overtime if staff were involved in work after normal hours.

Because of the heavy and increasing usage rate for governmental purposes, opportunities for non-governmental use in the future will be very limited. It is the policy of the Department of Public Works to continue as outlined above and in the event it should be possible to cater to a non-governmental function, that is to say if the Conference Centre is not otherwise required for its primary purpose, charges will be made for catering, related expenses and staff overtime only. Departmental policy is not to establish a tariff of charges for rental of the facilities since this would imply an availability of the Centre for this purpose which would be misleading.

2. The Sussex Room at the Government Conference Centre was in use for an International Seminar from 8:30 a.m. April 29, 1974 to 4:00 p.m. May 3, 1974. No special room arrangements were requested. One technician was on duty to operate the interpretation system.

3. See 1 above.