

The following Questions were made Orders for Returns under the provisions of Standing Order 39(5):

Question No. 217, by Mr. Carter,—Order of the House for a Return showing: 1. What was the cost to the government of its share toward Civil Service Pensions for the calendar year 1959?

2. What amount was paid by the government in 1959 for pensions to retired (a) government officials; (b) civil servants; (c) members of Armed Services; (d) any other government retired persons?

3. How many former civil service employees are receiving pensions?

Question No. 220, by Mr. Fisher,—Order of the House for a Return showing: 1. Did any boards, commissions, corporations or any other authorities of this government hold public hearings since January 1, 1959?

2. If so, which ones, on what dates, for what purposes?

3. At any of such hearings, was a transcript of evidence, official or otherwise, permitted?

4. If so, at which hearings?

5. Which of such transcripts, official or otherwise, were printed or mimeographed, and available to the public for free examination at the particular authority or for sale by the Queen's Printer?

6. What private firms, if any, took official or unofficial transcripts of such hearings?

7. If any boards, commissions, corporation or any other authorities of this government bought such transcripts from private firms, what price did they pay for each or for any series?

Question No. 234, by Mr. Hellyer,—Order of the House for a Return showing: 1. Have any expenditures been made by the Department of National Defence on an underground communications system near Almonte?

2. If so, in what amount?

3. Were any contracts awarded for such an underground development?

4. If so, to which companies, in what amount for each such contract and for what purpose?

5. Have any buildings been erected? If so, for what purpose?

6. Are they now in use? If not, are they to be destroyed?

7. Were any guarantees or termination allowances made to any company in connection with this project?

8. If so, in what amounts, to which companies?

On motion of Mr. Roberge for Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Michaud, it was ordered,—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all correspondence exchanged from 1957 between the city of Saint Jean, province of Quebec, or its representatives, and the Minister of Transport, the Board of Transport Commissioners, or any other federal agency, concerning the installation of a signal system at level crossings in the city of Saint Jean. (*Notice of Motion No. 60).

The House resolved itself again into Committee of Supply and, progress having been made and reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again at the next sitting of the House.