

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 6 and 58.

[Text]

MINISTERS CARS PURCHASED

Question No. 6—**Mr. Boudria:**

1. (a) How many government-owned Ministers cars have been purchased since September 17, 1984, (b) what was the make, year and model, in each case?

2. (a) How many were traded, (b) what is the make, year and model and price in each case?

Mr. Bud Bradley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services):

1.	(a)	(10)			
	(b)	Quantity	Make	Model	Year
		3	Oldsmobile	88	1985
		2	Pontiac	Parisienne	1985
		1	Buick	Le Sabre	1985
		1	Chevrolet	Caprice	1985
		1	Mercury	Grand Marquis	1985
		1	Oldsmobile	98	1984
		1	Ford	Crown Victoria	1984
2.	(a)	None *			
	(b)	Not applicable			

*Note: A Chrysler New Yorker 1982 replaced by an Oldsmobile 88 1985 was declared surplus and transferred to DSS Disposal Operations. In general, vehicles are no longer traded-in to dealers but are declared surplus.

NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Question No. 58—**Mr. Howie:**

In each of the last three consecutive years for which figures are available (a) how many female workers were employed by the government, excluding Crown corporations (b) what was the total number of persons employed by the government?

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): The following table shows the total employment and the number of females employed in that part of the Public Service for which the Treasury Board is the employer (PSSRA 1, 1) for the years shown:

	Total employees*	Females*
December 1981	230,118	92,578
December 1982	234,201	96,087
December 1983	234,866	96,799

*These numbers do not include Crown corporations, agencies with Separate Employer status (such as National Research Council, National Film Board), RCMP or military personnel.

Excise Tax Act

These data reflect simply a count of the number of employees at one point in time. The Treasury Board controls the size of the Public Service by means of person-years, which represents one full-time person for 12 months or any equivalent such as 12 persons for one month.

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

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EXCISE TAX ACT EXCISE ACT MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)) moved that Bill C-12, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act, be read the second time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

She said: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government I am pleased to rise in the House today to put before Hon. Members for second reading Bill C-12, an Act to amend the Excise Tax Act.

This Bill proposes some very positive policies announced by my colleague, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) in the Government's economic statement that was tabled in the House on November 8. The intent of this legislation is to restore a sense of stability and prosperity to several areas of economic activity in this great land, this land that we all love and want to see as a land of opportunity again.

Bill C-12 also re-establishes a number of measures that were introduced by the previous Government. That Government allowed these items to linger. We are proceeding with these measures now to reduce uncertainty so that those affected by these measures will have the legislative assurance which will enable them to plan for the coming year.

It gives my Government great pleasure to include in this Bill a measure allowing a fuel tax rebate for primary producers; those Canadians engaged in farming, fishing, logging and mining. As Hon. Members may know, this measure was announced on July 5 in Prince Albert. This commitment recognizes that our primary producers continue to be significant contributors to the Canadian economy. Primary producers will now be eligible for a three-cent per litre, or 13.6 cents per gallon, sales tax rebate and relief from the 1.5 cents