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CONTROL OVER CROWN CORPORATIONS

Question No. 34—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is it the government's intention to take steps to increase ministerial and parliamentary control over Crown corporations in order that they will be more responsible to the people of Canada and, if so, what measures will be taken?

2. Have there been instances of Crown corporations refusing to carry out orders of ministers of the Crown and, if so, will this situation be changed?

3. Will it be government policy to allow Parliament to have much more control over the operations of Crown corporations than in the past?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. The government is actively reviewing, at the present time, a policy for the direction, control and accountability of Crown corporations.

2. No.

3. In reviewing a policy of control direction and accountability for Crown corporations, the government is actively considering Parliament's role.

TOKYO ROUND—TARIFF REDUCTIONS

Question No. 1,286—**Mr. MacKay:**

Did the Department of (a) Industry, Trade and Commerce (b) Agriculture (c) Finance (d) Energy, Mines and Resources (e) Employment and Immigration (f) Regional Economic Expansion (g) Fisheries and Oceans (h) Labour prepare regional impact studies on the effect of the Tokyo Round of tariff reductions, as embodied in the June 2, 1980, Ways and Means motion and, if so, what is the title of each study?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the following departments as follows:

(a) Industry, Trade and Commerce:

Industry, Trade and Commerce, in co-operation with other departments, participated in a continuing evaluation of Canadian interest in the MTN, both from a sectoral and regional point of view. Although the publication of the results did not specifically identify regional impacts, this can be derived in large measure through an appreciation of the relative importance of various sectors of the Canadian economy to the particular regions of Canada.

(b) Agriculture Canada:

No. However, departmental staff worked with the interdepartmental negotiating team to prepare information on the agricultural impact included in the press package released.

(c) Finance Canada:

Consideration of the regional impact of the tariff reductions agreed to in the multilateral trade negotiations (MTN) was an integral part of the government's on-going decision-making process. One of the Canadian objectives in the MTN was to achieve a mix of gains in foreign markets and concessions in Canadian tariff and non-tariff barriers which would represent a reasonable result from the point of view of the different Canadian

provinces and regions. In order to assist in identifying regional interests the government consulted closely with provincial governments throughout the MTN. Consultations took place, for example, through the Canadian Trade and Tariffs Committee and the office of the Canadian co-ordinator for the MTN as well as by means of a federal-provincial conference on the MTN.

(d) Energy, Mines and Resources Canada:
No.

(e) Employment and Immigration Canada:
No.

(f) Regional Economic Expansion:

DREE did not prepare a regional impact study of the effects of the Tokyo Round of tariff reductions. However, information concerning possible sectoral impacts was used in combination with other factors in a study which was focused on the larger issue of industrial adjustment.

(g) Fisheries and Oceans:
No.

(h) Labour Canada:
No.

SECURITY CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT BY CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Question No. 1,628—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Did the Human Rights Commission, at its September meeting, review the matter of the ten year residency in Canada requirement before security clearance can be obtained for admission to the Canadian Armed Forces and, if so, did it recommend to the armed forces that it use its discretion to waive this provision in the case of outstanding applicants and will the armed forces now adhere to this revised approach and (a) if so, will it begin to do so immediately (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Justice and National Defence as follows: at its September meeting, the Canadian Human Rights Commission approved the settlement of a complaint which involved the ten-year residency requirement, but it did not review the security clearance policy of the armed forces, or the application of that policy.

In regard to that portion of the question which referred to the recommendation of the Human Rights Commission that the armed forces use its discretion to waive the ten-year residency in Canada provision in the case of outstanding applicants, the Department of National Defence advises that the following is already in effect: Canadian Forces recruiting officers are instructed to regard the ten year residency requirement as a bench mark in considering applicants for enrolment in the forces. Policy already permits granting of security clearances to candidates who do not fulfill the ten year residency providing they can furnish the Department of National Defence with sufficient information to permit a reasonable assessment of loyalty and reliability.