

Routine Proceedings

Calendar Year	\$6 billion Unrecorded Liability			\$850 million Unrecorded Liability		
	Assumed Fund Yields	CPI Increase	General Salary Increase	Assumed Fund Yields	CPI Increase	General Salary Increase
2003	7.1	3.5	5.0	6.6	2.0	2.5
2004	6.9	3.5	5.0	6.3	2.0	2.5
2005	6.7	3.5	5.0	6.0	2.0	2.5
2006	6.4	3.5	5.0	5.7	2.0	2.5
2007	6.3	3.5	5.0	5.5	2.0	2.5
2008	6.1	3.5	5.0	5.2	2.0	2.5
2009	6.0	3.5	5.0	4.9	2.0	2.5
2010	6.0	3.5	5.0	4.5	2.0	2.5

In both scenarios, the assumptions remain constant after 2010.

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Question No. 182—**Mr. Boudria:**

Have any grants to the Canada Council, the Social Science and Humanities Research Council or the International Development Research Centre been spent on (a) a study of the social value of lawn ornaments (b) a study of latrines in Guatemala (c) the translation of the book *If it weren't for sex I'd have to get a job* (d) a study of the attitudes of Nova Scotians towards animals (e) the publication of a banana newsletter from the French Riviera (f) a study of the fool as a transitional figure in the historical development of western civilization and, if so (i) what was the total amount spent on (ii) what was the purpose of each project?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): I am informed as follows: (a) Yes—The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

i) \$12,000 (1987–1988).

ii) This project in the sociology of culture examines how people in a society, including an ethnically, linguistically, gender—and class—divided society, experience and express their culture. The researcher focuses on a cultural symbol, the mass-produced lawn ornament, to find out how the choice and arrangement of such ornaments in a yard communicates something about how they see themselves, how they view animals (often depicted in ornaments), or about a nostalgia for the past (outmoded work tools are popular as decoration). Study of the sociology of culture is one aspect of understanding our society. To understand society as a complex whole, we need to examine the human motivations, aspirations, values, and cultural differences of individual segments of

society. This is particularly true in Canada because of its multicultural makeup.

b) Yes—The International Development Research Centre.

i) \$215,300 over a 36 month period.

ii) The International Development Research Centre is supporting a project titled *DAFF Latrine* in Guatemala. The *Centro de Estudios Mesoamericano Sobre Tecnologia Apropiada* is undertaking this project to evaluate and provide advice on technical aspects and social acceptance of dry alkaline family fertilizer (DAFF) latrines.

The safe disposal of human waste is major public health issue in developing countries. Five million infants and children die of diarrhoeal disease annually. This project investigates the factors responsible for program failures, designs a low-cost composting latrine, assesses its technical performance and social acceptability, and is presently developing technical support materials to institutions promoting the latrine in Guatemala and throughout Central America.

c) Yes—The Canada Council.

i) \$10,320.

ii) For the translation from English to French of a book titled “If It Weren’t for Sex, I’d have to Get a Job”. This book is the memoirs of Arnold Manweiler, a veteran Canadian private investigator whose career spanned over 30 years; it recounts, often humorously, some of the cases Mr. Manweiler investigated and gives readers an inside look at the day-to-day life of a Canadian “private eye”. The quality of the translation supported by the Council was such that the Governor General’s Literary Awards jury named it as one of the three finalists for the 1988 translation award. The grant was awarded through the Council’s Translation Program, which encourages greater exchanges between Canada’s English-language and French-language communities through grants for translation of works by Canadian authors from one official language to the other. Assistance is also available for the translation of Canadian books from a language other than English or French into one of the official languages.

d) Yes—The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

i) \$21,664 (1986–1987).