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BANK OF CANADA

Question No. 37—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. Is the Bank of Canada exempt from abiding by any statutes applying to prospective borrowers and, if so, what is a complete list of such exemptions?

2. Is the Government aware of statements by Mr. Henry Knowles, the former Chairman of the Ontario Securities Commission that (a) dealers in government debt should not be exempted from registration (b) a study should be undertaken to determine whether the Bank of Canada should continue to be exempt from registration of prospectuses and, if so, what would be the effect of the Government acting on each of these suggestions?

Hon. Roy MacLaren (Minister of State (Finance)): 1. Provincial securities statutes are silent on the Bank of Canada. The Bank does not make public issues of its own debt or share capital, nor retail government debt instruments, and therefore its activities do not come under provincial securities legislation.

2. The Government is aware of the statements made by Mr. Henry Knowles that dealers in government debt should not be exempted from registration and that a study should be undertaken to determine whether the Bank of Canada should continue to be exempt from registration of prospectuses. The federal Government has not undertaken a study to determine the effects of requiring dealers in government debt to be registered, or requiring prospectuses to be filed with federal government debt issues.

STUDIES INTO ALTERNATIVES TO STRIKE ACTION

Question No. 54—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1977, did the Department of Labour conduct any studies into alternatives to strike action?

Mr. Normand Lapointe (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): No. While the Department of Labour has not conducted any studies into alternatives to strike action during the period specified, it has attempted to minimize the occurrence and duration of work stoppages through the provision of experienced conciliators and mediators and the appointment of industrial inquiry commissions where required. In addition, innovative dispute resolution techniques, such as "med-arb" (a combination of mediation and arbitration), have been utilized in certain bargaining situations with the concurrence of the parties to avoid disruptive work stoppages.

CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS FIELD WORKERS

Question No. 58—**Mr. Howie:**

How many field workers of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs are employed in New Brunswick?

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Hon. Judy Erola (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Twenty-six (including inspectors, officers and support staff).

LABOUR CANADA PUBLIC RELATIONS EMPLOYEES

Question No. 88—**Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, media relations or publicity are employed by the Department of Labour?

Mr. Normand Lapointe (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour): Fourteen.

PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP TO NEW YORK

Question No. 103—**Mr. Stevens:**

Did the Prime Minister travel to New York in March, 1981 and, if so, what was the total cost of the trip and what percentage was paid by the taxpayer?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The Prime Minister was not in New York in March, 1981.

SIMULATED WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Question No. 118—**Mr. Stewart:**

Is there a Simulated Work Experience Program (SWE) and, if so, since its inception, how many persons (a) were enrolled in the program (b) received payments from (i) unemployment insurance benefits (ii) training allowances and what was the total amount of such payments to all trainees?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): There is not a Simulated Work Experience Program. However, since 1981-82, under the Industrial Labour Adjustment Program (ILAP), the Commission has purchased simulated on-the-job training for laid-off apprentices and other workers in Critical Trade Skills Training (CTST) occupations.

(a) Since 1981-82, approximately 2,350 laid-off persons were enrolled in simulated on-the-job training under the auspices of ILAP.

(b) Of the above number, an estimated (i)—1,760 persons received UI benefits, and (ii)—590 persons received allowances; all of them received a \$25 per week incentive allowance additionally.

Total payments since inception of the initiative are approximately: \$2.3 million for allowances; \$4.2 million for UI benefits; \$6.5 million in total.

FOREST INDUSTRY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM

Question No. 119—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. Is there a Forest Industry Renewable Energy Program and, if so, for the fiscal year (a) 1980-81 (b) 1981-82 (c) 1982-83 what were the total expenditures under the Program?

2. For the fiscal year 1983-84, what is the estimated budget of the Program?

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: