

Routine Proceedings

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Question No. 260 be deemed to have been made an Order for Return?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

POVERTY

Question No. 260—**Mr. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):**

1. For each year from 1979 to 1990 (to date), has the government calculated (a) the poverty line (b) the number of Canadians living below the poverty line (c) the number who (i) fell below (ii) moved above the line (d) the annual consumer price index (e) the annual percentage increase or decrease in the net number of Canadians living below the poverty line and, if so, what is it?

2. Has the government calculated the cumulative consumer price index between 1979 and 1990 and, if so, what is it?

Return tabled.

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[English]

STARRED QUESTION

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Starred Question No. 262.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that Starred Question No. 262 be called?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Danis: Mr. Speaker, due to the length of the response, I ask that it be printed in *Hansard* as if read.

[Editor's Note: The above-mentioned question is as follows:]

[Text]

FRDA FUNDS ALLOTTED TO GROUP VENTURES IN NOVA SCOTIA

*Question No. 262—**Mr. Arseneault:**

For the fiscal years 1987-88 and 1988-89, were FRDA funds allotted to group ventures in Nova Scotia and, if so (a) what total amount of money was spent by group ventures (b) what amount of money was spent on (i) construction of roads and bridges (ii) treatment work performed in the forest (c) what (i) percentage (ii) amounts of funds were spent on supervision of construction and treatment (d) what total operating budgets were involved?

Mr. Michel Champagne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Forestry): Funds were allocated under the Canada-Nova Scotia Resource Development Agreement (1982-89) (FRDA) to 18 group ventures in Nova Scotia for the 1987-88 and 1988-89 fiscal years. Expenditures by the Group Ventures under the FRDA were in two categories. The first category was for operations, administration and the hiring of professional staff.

Expenditures in this category were paid for by the provincial government and amounted to \$1,618,258 in 1987-88 and to \$1,848,344 in 1988-89. The second category of expenditures was for the completion of actual forest work. Expenditures in this category were paid for by the federal government and amounted to \$4,088,930 for 1987-88 and to \$4,668,720 for 1988-89. In total, the amount of money expended by the Group Ventures for both categories combined equalled \$5,707,188 in 1987-88 and \$6,517,064 in 1988-89.

Of the total expenditures on actual forest work, road and bridge construction amounted to \$1,237,630 in 1987-88 and to \$1,200,770 in 1988-89. For silviculture activities, \$2,387,510 was expended in 1987-88 and \$2,828,650 in 1988-89.

With respect to supervision, it is difficult to accurately establish the exact amounts spent since all staff of the group ventures performed supervision as part of their regular salaried duties. The groups, however, were provided with specific funding from the federal government, under the forest work category, to hire additional staff for supervision duties. The amount provided in this category was \$337,640 for 1987-88 and \$413,300 for 1988-89. These totals represent 8 percent and 9 percent respectively of the total amount of funding provided for forest work in 1987-88 and 1988-89.

BREAK DOWN OF EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CANADA-NOVA SCOTIA FRDA FOR THE 18 GROUP VENTURES FOR 1987-88 AND 1988-89

	1987-88 (\$)	1988-89 (\$)
PROVINCIALY FUNDED		
Group venture operation, administration and professional staff	1,618,258	1,848,344