

*Order Paper Questions*

the formulation of a federal-provincial agreement for bilingualism in education. Negotiations for the original agreement, which came into effect in 1969, and its renewal in 1974 took place on a bilateral basis between the federal and the ten provincial governments.

## LAND TASK FORCE

Question No. 127—**Mr. Herbert:**

Were the governments of Alberta and Quebec invited to participate in the land task force to study the supply and cost of serviced residential land in Canada and, if so, did they participate and, if not, for what reason in each case?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** I am advised as follows by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation: the governments of Alberta and Quebec were invited to participate in the land task force to study the supply and cost of serviced residential land in Canada. Alberta has not participated and Quebec participated until the provincial election of November 15, 1976. Alberta wished to include in the study all cost components of housing.

## ALLOWANCES FOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

Question No. 782—**Mr. Joyal:**

Since 1970, did Quebec provincial ministers participate in any international conferences as members of a Canadian delegation and, if so (a) how many (b) in what conferences (c) in each case, what amount of (i) living (ii) travel (iii) representation allowances were paid by the government?

**Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** (a) Twenty-four. (b) Conférence des ministres de l'éducation, from 1970 to 1977. Conférence des ministres de la jeunesse et des sports, from 1972 to 1977. Conférence constitutive de l'Agence de coopération culturelle et technique (ACCT), 1970. Conférence générale de l'ACCT, 1971 and 1975. Réunion des ministres de l'Artisanat (ACCT), 1977. Conférence des ministres de la Fonction publique (ACCT), 1971. United Nations Food Conference 1974. Habitat Conference, 1976. United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, 1972. Commonwealth Law Ministers Conference, 1977. United Nations Water Conference, 1977. (c) (i) and (ii)—Provincial ministers attending international conferences are entitled to a fixed allotment for meal allowances, which is based on the cost of living in the city where the conference is held. The federal government also pays for transport, hotel and other incidental expenses. For example, at the U.N. Water Conference at Mar del Plata, which lasted 11 days from March 11 to 25, 1977, the air ticket Ottawa/Mar del Plata/Ottawa was \$1,159; the hotel \$28.37 per day; the meal daily allowance \$13.04. All in all, the average cost of a delegate amounted to \$1,750. The Quebec government did not accept that the federal government pay the cost of its minister's participation in conformity with its policy of assuming itself the travel expenses of its participants who are members of a Canadian delegation. (c) (iii)—Representational allowances are not for the members of a delegation, but for the delegation itself. Therefore, representational expenses are accounted against the delegation.

[Mr. Roberts.]

[English]

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

**Mr. Roger Young (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 357 and 469 could be made orders for returns, these returns would be tabled immediately.

[Translation]

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Does the House agree that questions Nos. 357 and 469 be made orders for returns?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

## EDUCATION

Question No. 357—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. For each year 1971 to 1976, what amount did the government contribute to each province for post-secondary education?
2. For the same years, what amount did the government contribute to post-graduate studies in Canada or foreign universities?

Return tabled.

Question No. 469—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

1. Is the government, in conjunction with the provincial authorities, considering the establishment of a Canadian Council on Education to co-ordinate the education activities of the various government authorities and, if so, what steps have been taken to date?
2. What programmes has the government undertaken with respect to assisting elementary and secondary education and, in each case, what was the (a) cost, by province, in each of the past five years (b) basis for the programme being initiated and funds allocated?

Return tabled.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

## INCOME TAX ACT

## MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Monday, May 29, consideration of the motion of Mr. Chrétien that Bill C-56, to amend the statute law relating to income tax and to authorize payments related to provincial sales tax reductions, be read the second