

Order Paper Questions

question was answered. The changes to the statistical system were made in 1976 when the department realized that the amount of trustee fees were of very little use to the users of the data and not very representative without the other costs of administration.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Question No. 3,556—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

1. With reference to the Auditor General's statement on page 167 of his report that over 40 per cent of the investigations commenced were not completed within the target date of 18 months and that some investigations are now behind by as much as 43 months (a) which investigations were not completed in 18 months (b) who were the persons being investigated (c) which persons were investigated in excess of 43 months (d) for what reason did it take so long to investigate these people?

2. What are the guidelines given by the minister to the Bureau of Competition Policy to make investigations?

3. How many persons are employed in the bureau of Investigation?

Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. In keeping with the provision of Section 27 of the Combines Investigation Act, which stipulates that any inquiry under the act shall be conducted in private, the policy traditionally followed by the director has been not to give any indication nor disclose any information with respect to inquiries under the act. The public is informed about the administration of the act through the periodic reports of the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission, special inquiries, court proceedings and the annual report of the director which has to be submitted to Parliament. Accordingly, no details can be given on the questions asked in paragraph 1. except for part (d) which relates to the reason why it takes so long to carry out the investigations. Inquiries are often interrupted by court proceedings initiated by those who are under inquiry for the reason that the director or the Restrictive Trade Practices Commission has no jurisdiction in the matter. The dimension and size of many investigations, the technical complexity of the economic or legal questions involved require a substantial portion of the limited resources.

2. None. The law sets out the guidelines for initiating inquiries.

3. Two hundred and thirty persons are employed in the Bureau of Competition Policy, 184 of which are assigned to the direct enforcement of the act.

NUU-CHAH-NULTH LAND AND SEA CLAIM

Question No. 3,896—**Mr. Miller:**

1. Did the Office of Native Claims of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development submit the Nuu-chah-nulth Land and Sea Claim to the Department of Justice to ascertain the claim's legal merit and, if so, on what date?

2. What (a) procedure and criteria (b) specific information sources did the Department of Justice use to ascertain the legal merits of the claim?

3. What were the results and recommendations the Department of Justice forwarded to the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development concerning the legal merits of the claim?

4. What information and documentation were the Nuu-chah-nulth claimants asked to provide to the Department of Justice to support the claim?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Justice as follows: 1. Yes, February 1981.

2. A review of the claim was made on the basis of the 1973 policy on comprehensive claims and of information supplied by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

3. Any advice provided to the department of IAND would be confidential.

4. None.

LICENSED EEL FISHERMEN

Question No. 4,149—**Mr. Corbett:**

What are the names and addresses of the licensed eel fishermen in Queen's county, King's county, Saint John county and Sunbury county, New Brunswick?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Lists of fishermen traditionally have not been published. This policy is practised in order to protect the fisherman's right to privacy.

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[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if question No. 2,969 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Does the House agree that question No. 2,969 be made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT—UNINSURED LOSSES

Question No. 2,969—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. With reference to the uninsured losses of more than \$1,000 of equipment recorded by the Department of the Environment in footnote No. 7 at page 13.4, volume I of the 1979-80 Public Accounts of Canada, under what circumstances was the equipment lost and (a) who was culpable (b) were any convictions made and, if so, what sentences were imposed (c) are any trials or appeals pending (d) was the equipment replaced (e) did the department undertake steps to ensure that such losses did not recur and, if so, what were they?

2. What other equipment losses are part of the unaccounted balance of \$42,120?

3. What use does the department make of the portable radio, audio visual equipment, outboard motor, saddles and saddle bags, electronic sartorius balance and the water level recorders?

Return tabled.