

Order Paper Questions

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Richard Grisé (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 365 and 374.

[Text]

FOREIGN DOMESTIC WORKERS

Question No. 365—**Mr. Heap:**

Since November, 1981, according to the latest statistics available (a) have domestic workers been refused landing in Canada under the Foreign Domestic Program and, if so, in what numbers and, in each case, what was the applicant's (i) country of last permanent residence (ii) age (iii) number of dependents (iv) gender (v) reason for rejection (b) have domestic workers applied for landing under the program and been accepted and, if so, in what numbers?

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Since its inception in November, 1981, the Foreign Domestic Program has accepted 14,199 workers as permanent residents. Very few do not qualify. For example, of the 28,869 foreign domestics who have entered Canada as temporary workers, from 1981 to the end of 1987, only 635 have been refused permanent residence. The approximate 14,000 remaining are in the immigration stream or they have left Canada having decided not to become permanent residents.

Foreign domestics refused for permanent residence

Total	Nov. 1981 to Dec. 1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987*
635	27	119	149	188	46	106

Data on the composition of the refusal group will be available at the end of August, 1988, covering the period June 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988. Statistics on refusals for 1987 are available; however, it should be noted that the data breakdown requested only started as of June 1, 1987. Prior to June 1, 1987, there was no collection of specific data on refused applicants (i) country of last permanent residence (ii) age (iii) number of dependents (iv) gender (v) reason for rejection.

*Preliminary Statistics

GREAT LAKES—CONTAMINATION MONITORING PROCEDURES

Question No. 374—**Mr. Langdon:**

Are contamination-monitoring procedures being carried out for the Great Lakes and, if so (a) with what frequency (b) by what groups or individuals (c) in what areas?

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of the Environment and of the Fisheries and Oceans as follows:

Contamination monitoring procedures are being carried out for the Great Lakes by Environment Canada, the Ontario

Ministry of Environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and eight Great Lakes states under the Canada/U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. Environment Canada is responsible for the monitoring of conventional parameters and contaminants in the waters of the open lakes by carrying out the following: Lake Ontario—two cruises/year; Lake Huron—two cruises/year; Lake Superior—one cruise/year; Niagara River—weekly (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Fort Erie); St. Lawrence River—daily.

Environment Canada also operates a network of 30 air quality monitoring stations throughout the Great Lakes Basin and monitors contaminant trends in herring gull eggs in 13 colonies.

Since 1977, DFO has carried out a contaminants monitoring program on fish and other biota on the Great Lakes in response to federal commitments respecting the 1972 and 1978 Canada/U.S. Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Annual surveys are carried by DFO throughout the Great Lakes at approximately 20 sites (10 sampled annually) to determine trends on selected contaminants in fish and other aquatic biota. The program receives the assistance of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and is part of a co-ordinated international study involving the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency. Results of these annual surveys are presented through the surveillance Workgroup of the International Joint Commission to the Water Quality Board and reported biennially.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered.

Mr. Grisé: I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADIAN EXPLORATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM
ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

On the Order: Government Orders.

July 14, 1988—Consideration of amendments made by the Senate to Bill C-137, an Act to provide for incentives to assist in financing exploration for mineral resources and hydrocarbons in Canada and to amend the Canadian Exploration and Development Incentive Program Act.—The Minister of State (Forestry and Mines).

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak to this, but in fact there is no copy of the amendments in the folders which are on the desks of the Hon.