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special workshops where playwrights can see their work produced on stage.

2. See answer to 1.
3. Yes.
4. Yes.

5. In the case of operations grants, the Canada Council's policy is to provide theatre companies of proven artistic merit and accomplishment with awards that apply to the overall activities planned for a given season. Although companies are required to submit plans and budgets, Council members or officers do not read the scripts of proposed plays nor interfere with the policy or choices of the artistic director.

TRAINING FOR DISADVANTAGED OR SPECIAL NEEDS CLIENTS

Question No. 1,217—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. Of the amount of \$71,539,796 spent on training for the disadvantaged or special needs clients, what is the breakdown of the number of persons taking courses in the Province of Newfoundland under (a) BTSD (b) BJRT (c) WAT (d) Industrial Training Special Needs?
2. At what centres in Newfoundland are such courses being held?
3. Of the amount expended, what is the breakdown, by province?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):

1. Of the \$71,539,796 spent on training for the disadvantaged or special needs clients in 1976-77, the breakdown for Newfoundland of trainees who commenced training in the following courses is: (a) BTSD: 574; (b) BJRT: 38; (c) WAT: 33; (d) Industrial Training Special Needs: 68.

2. The above types of courses are being offered in the following Newfoundland centres: Corner Brook, Stephenville, Port aux Basques, Grand Falls, Gander, Springdale, Happy Valley, Labrador City, St. John's, St. John's East, Memorial University, College of Trades and Technology, Newfoundland College of Fisheries, Harbour Grace, Marystown, Placentia, St. Anthony, Clarenville, Rocky Harbour.

3. Of the total amount expended for Canada for disadvantaged or special needs clients, the breakdown by province is as follows: Newfoundland: \$3,345,333; Prince Edward Island: \$1,362,396; Nova Scotia: \$4,956,837; New Brunswick: \$3,182,815; Quebec: \$25,048,542; Ontario: \$14,452,890; Manitoba: \$4,882,258; Saskatchewan: \$3,990,587; Alberta: \$3,354,056; Northwest Territories: \$872,876; British Columbia: \$5,893,608; Yukon: \$197,598; CANADA: \$71,539,796.

ECONOMIC GROWTH COMPONENT OF CANADA WORKS PROGRAM

Question No. 1,220—**Mr. Marshall:**

What are the details of the Department of Manpower and Immigration's discussions interdepartmentally and with the provinces on the economic growth component of the Canada Works Programme?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Discussions with federal departments and agencies on the Economic Growth Component of Canada Works have been

[Mr. Roberts.]

ongoing since September, 1977. Initial proposals under the Economic Growth Component have been reviewed by the interdepartmental committee on employment development. Discussions with provincial ministers responsible for manpower matters on the Economic Growth Component occurred during the recent joint meeting of ministers of education and manpower in Victoria.

ORDERS IN COUNCIL

Question No. 1,248—**Mr. Cossitt:**

How many orders-in-council have been passed in each of the past five years for which records are available and (a) what is the total number for the period of time involved (b) in each total how many were classified as top secret, secret, etc.?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): (a) 1977, 3,746; 1976, 3,326; 1975, 3,070; 1974, 2,895; 1973, 4,128; Total: 17,165. (b) None were classified.

RICE PLANT—FORT ALEXANDER INDIAN RESERVE

Question No. 1,249—**Mr. Epp:**

1. Did the government contribute to the rice plant at the Fort Alexander Indian Reserve and, if so, in what amount?
2. Has the plant been placed under receivership and, if so, by whom?
3. Who are the directors of the plant and what is their present capacity with relation to the Fort Alexander Indian Reserve?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes, as follows: Loans, \$496,000.00; Contributions, \$83,400.00; Guarantees, \$354,000.00; Total: \$933,400.00.

2. Yes, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development accepted a band council resolution from the chiefs of the 17 Indian Bands mentioned in part 3, consenting to voluntary dissolution of the co-op and appointing a receiver.

3. The co-op has not operated since 1974. The board of directors consisted of elected chiefs of the seventeen Manitoba Indian Bands listed below: Hollow Water, Fort Alexander, Fisher River, Peguis, Lake Manitoba, Brokenhead, Fairford, Lake St. Martin, Little Saskatchewan, Little Black River, Waterhen, Little Grand Rapids, Berens River, Bloodvein, Poplar River, Buffalo Point, Jackhead. All of the directors resigned from the board in 1976.

SALT BED DISPOSAL SYSTEM FOR RADIOACTIVE WASTES

Question No. 1,252—**Mr. Robinson:**

Is the government aware of the West German government's exploration of the advantages of a salt bed disposal system for radioactive wastes and, if so, is the government studying the feasibility of such a system for Canada?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Atomic Energy Control Board reports as follows: the Canadian government is well aware of the work that is being carried out internationally, to study the various geological land formations, with respect to their suitability for use as