

Order Paper Questions

3. What basis did the Combines Branch have for the accusation of price fixing?

4. On whose advice and on whose authority does the Combines branch bring a case to trial, such as the Fertilizer Combines Hearing of 1979?

Miss Aileen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General): 1. Six manufacturers of fertilizer were charged. In addition, there were 12 unindicted co-conspirators named in the charge.

2. (a) 48 days, \$180,705.57 (incl. necessary preparation)
- (b) 150 days, \$522,537.60 (incl. necessary preparation).

3. The director of investigation and research conducted a lengthy and detailed inquiry under the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act resulting in the seizure of over 15,000 documents, the taking of sworn oral evidence from employees and officers of the firms involved, and the securing of market share and production data in the form of sworn returns of information from the manufacturers. Based on an analysis of all of the evidence, the director referred the inquiry to the Attorney General of Canada, pursuant to section 15(1) of the Combines Investigation Act, with a recommendation that a prosecution be undertaken.

4. Once the results of an inquiry have been referred to the Attorney General by the director of investigation and research, it is the Attorney General's responsibility to independently assess all of the evidence and, having done so, to make a decision as to whether or not a prosecution may be warranted. The result of the Attorney General's review in the fertilizer case was a decision to prosecute. All cases referred to the Attorney General by the director follow this pattern.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—STUDIES RELATED TO MARIJUANA

Question No. 819—**Mr. Howie:**

Since April 1, 1975, what amount was spent on studies related to marijuana by the Department of Veterans Affairs?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): None.

EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

Question No. 820—**Mr. Howie:**

Since April 1, 1975, what amount was spent on studies related to marijuana by the Department of Employment and Immigration?

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): None.

CANADA PENSION PLAN FUND—LOANS

Question No. 894—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. (a) What is a list of all loans made from the Canada Pension Plan Fund in each of the past five years (b) what is the total for the five years (c) in each case, to whom was the loan made, what was the interest rate and how did it differ from the average interest rate in existence at the time?

2. Is it, or has it been, the policy of the government to allow borrowing from the fund at interest rates much lower than in the private market?

Hon. Pierre Bussières, Minister of State (Finance): 1. The information sought by the hon. member is equally accessible to him, being reported annually in the Public Accounts of Canada. Various investment dealers provide data on market yields of federal, provincial and corporate bonds.

2. Section 113 (2) of the Canada Pension Plan prescribes the interest to be paid on funds loaned from the Canada Pension Plan. The amount of interest received and the weighted average rates are reported in the Public Accounts of Canada.

AIR CARRIERS—ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Question No. 896—**Mr. Howie:**

Was a subsidy paid to air carriers operating in the Atlantic provinces in the fiscal year (a) 1977-78 (b) 1978-79 (c) 1979-80 and, if so, in what amount and to whom?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):

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| (a) yes | Eastern Provincial Airways (1963) Limited
\$1,700,000 |
| (b) yes | Eastern Provincial Airways (1963) Limited
\$1,700,000 |
| (c) yes | Eastern Provincial Airways (1963) Limited
\$1,510,148 |

NOTE: Included in the above figures are amounts pertaining to services between Iles-de-la-Madeleine, P.Q. and Charlottetown, P.E.I.

[English]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. Yvon Pinard (for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion) moved that Bill C-35, to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Development.

Mr. Maurice Harquail (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I have the privilege and the honour to represent the minister in the introduction of Bill C-35 this afternoon for second reading. As the parliamentary secretary, I wish to indicate in respect of Bill C-35 that I will be brief in my remarks as I know full well