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has approved some diversification of Polymer Corporation activities and as a consequence the company is studying methods of financing the diversification program. The company will be submitting proposals for financing to the government for consideration.

3. Yes. Polymer Corporation Limited is in keen competition with publicly owned companies throughout the world and it is essential for its continued success that it be free to act quickly in response to changing business conditions and have the same relative freedom of action as its competitors.

[English]

ROLE OF CANADIAN GOVERNMENT EXHIBITION COMMISSION IN INFORMATION CANADA

Question No. 1,227—**Mr. Francis:**

Is it the intention that upon transfer to Information Canada, the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission will maintain its own separate identity and continue to play its role for the federal government both inside and outside of Canada?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Yes.

APPLICATIONS OF RAILWAY AND HOTEL COMPANIES STILL UNDER REVIEW—LABOUR (STANDARDS) CODE, PART I

Question No. 1,356—**Mr. Orlikov:**

1. How many applications of Railway and Hotel Companies who applied for deferment and for suspension of Part I of the Canada Labour (Standards) Code are still under review?

2. When were these applications made to the department?

3. How many workers are covered by each of these applications?

4. What are the reasons for the applications for deferment still being under review by the department?

5. What is the date when the department expects to have settled all these cases which are under review?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):
1. Thirty eight; 36 for deferment and two for suspension.

2. The applications for deferment were made prior to July 1, 1965. One application for suspension was made on July 20, 1965; the other application for suspension was made on February 21, 1966.

3. Information not available.

4. The applications are still under review because, to date, the department has been

[Mr. Richardson.]

unable to find ways and means of disposing of them in a satisfactory manner in view of the circumstances prevailing in the industries concerned.

5. At this time it is not possible to anticipate when decisions can be made on the applications.

STUDIES BY LEASCO SYSTEMS AND RESEARCH CORPORATION, BETHESDA, MD.

Question No. 1,511—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. Has LEASCO Systems and Research Corporation of Bethesda, Md. been engaged to conduct any studies or inquiries of systems and procedures within the government service and, if so (a) what amount of money will be expended for these studies and inquiries (b) how long is it expected to take the study or inquiry to be completed (c) will the report thereof be made public?

2. For what reason was it considered necessary to employ the services of a United States company to conduct this sort of study?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO McCAIN FERTILIZER PLANT, GRAND FALLS, N.B.

Question No. 1,669—**Mr. Corbin:**

Has the federal government granted a subsidy or made a loan to the McCain Fertilizer Plant in Grand Falls, New Brunswick and, if so (a) what is the amount of the subsidy or loan (b) under what terms was this financial help made?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): No.

CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION OF WHEAT AND FLOUR TO FOREIGN AID

Question No. 1,674—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

How much wheat and flour in (a) bushels (b) dollar value, did Canada contribute to foreign aid in the past fiscal year?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): During the fiscal year 1969/70, Canada contributed, through her international development assistance program, the following amounts of wheat and wheat flour: (a) Quantity: Wheat, 748,697 metric tons equivalent to 27,509,373.871 bushels; Wheat Flour, 105,675.112 metric tons equivalent to 5,411,214.6 bushels of wheat based on 72 per cent extraction. (b) Value: Wheat, \$56,950,-