

*Order Paper Questions*

[English]

**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 161 and 274.

[Text]

## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

Question No. 161—**Mr. Orlikow:**

Has the Department of National Health and Welfare cut any projects in its science and technology programs in order to absorb the reduction in its expenditures required by the economic statement made by the Minister of Finance in the House on November 8, 1984 and, if so, what are they and what are the projected costs?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes, three scientific projects were cut by Health and Welfare Canada as a result of the reduction of funding from the National Energy Program announced on November 8, 1984. Their titles and their projected costs are as follows:

1. Field validation studies on radon entry into buildings (\$80,000).
2. Characterization of hazardous aromatics from the combustion of wide boiling range distillates (\$57,000).
3. Characterization and mutagenic potential of air samples in coal liquefaction facilities (\$50,000).

The remaining nine Health and Welfare Canada projects funded by the National Energy Program will continue but the funding has been reduced by approximately 40 per cent.

## FARM AUDITS

Question No. 274—**Mr. Greenaway:**

For the year 1984, by province and by month, how (a) many audits of farmers were initiated by the Department of National Revenue (b) much money in back taxes was assessed against farmers by the Department (c) many extra personnel were hired by the Department to aid in the auditing of farms?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Revenue):** During 1984 the Department completed audits on (1) farmers, (2) farmers whose chief source of income is not farming, and (3) hobby farmers who have full-time occupations yet carry on farming activities. The 1984 audit statistics, set out by province and by month, relating to questions (a) and (b) include all three types of farmers.

(c) No additional personnel were hired to carry out these audits; staff assigned farm audits are also assigned audits of taxpayers in other categories.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Government House Leader (Mr. Hnatyshyn) what business he proposes to call for Tuesday.

I also want to tell him that, pursuant to the suggestion made by the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark), I will certainly be ready to meet with him to discuss how an agenda for the proposed special joint committee of the House and the other place on the Government's Green Paper on foreign affairs can be worked out so as to enable the people of Canada to be heard prior to decisions on issues raised in that paper being taken. I want to stress that our attitude in these discussions with respect to whether we will participate in the work of such a committee will be determined by the degree to which the Government is willing to give a firm and public commitment that it will not take decisions on, in particular, matters concerning the Strategic Defence Initiative, star wars, or trade relations with the U.S. before the views of the people of Canada are heard and fully considered, including the report of that committee, by the Government.

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Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like the Hon. Government House Leader to confirm that, contrary to what was suggested by the Secretary of State for External Affairs in Question Period, the consent of the opposition Parties is not required for the Government to place a motion on the Order Paper to create the type of joint committee I just referred to, nor to call that motion for debate and for decision of the House.

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, with regard to the business of the House for next week, we will, of course, not be sitting on Monday. Today we are going to commence consideration of Bill C-25. There is the prospect of making progress on that Bill today. I am hoping that we can attain second reading of that legislation.

I had indicated a sequence of Bills which would be debated on the days on which the House sits next week. These Bills involve amendments to the Divorce Act and enforcement of maintenance orders as well as amendments to the Fisheries Act. I had hoped that we would be able to deal with the Fisheries Bill early next week. I would ask my friend to