

Oral Questions

3. By province, what was the total amount of money expended for each commodity covered under the Act during each of these years?

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DEPARTURES OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AIRCRAFT FROM SANDSPIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 3,070—**Mr. Howard:**

During the month of October, 1973, did any aircraft under the authority or ownership of the Department of National Defence depart from the DOT airport at Sandspit, British Columbia and, if so, with respect to each such aircraft what was (a) the type of aircraft (b) the date of each departure (c) the nature and purpose of each flight (d) the name, rank held by, if applicable, and country of attachment of each person aboard each such flight and was each such person (i) a member of the crew of the aircraft (ii) a passenger?

Return tabled.

LANDINGS OF NATIONAL DEFENCE AIRCRAFT AT SANDSPIT, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 3,071—**Mr. Howard:**

During the month of October, 1973, did any aircraft under the authority or ownership of the Department of National Defence land at the DOT airport at Sandspit, British Columbia and, if so, with respect to each such aircraft what was (a) the type of aircraft (b) the date of each landing (c) the nature and purpose of each flight (d) the name, rank held by, if applicable, and country of attachment of each person aboard each such flight and was each such person (i) a member of the crew of the aircraft (ii) a passenger?

Return tabled.

PUBLIC SERVICE—ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEE EXAMINATIONS

Question No. 3,120—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. How many persons wrote the Administrative Trainee exams recently held for entrance to the Public Service of Canada (a) by city in which they were held (b) by official language selected?

2. How many positions are to be filled from the successful applicants?

3. What funds were allocated and spent to ensure that these were fully known in advance to various university students in Canada?

4. What is the policy of the government with respect to making these exams public through use of university newspapers and posters on various campuses in Canada?

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[English]

ENERGY

OIL—POSITION OF SAUDI ARABIA RESPECTING SHIPMENT TO CANADA

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of

[Mr. Wise.]

Energy, Mines and Resources. On December 6 he categorically told the House that he had been told by Sheik Yamani of Saudi Arabia that Canada was not on the embargo list so far as Saudi Arabia was concerned. Since this seems to conflict with what the Sheik has said very recently in public, can the minister tell us whether Canada is now listed as a specially embargoed destination by the government of Saudi Arabia because the oil might be trans-shipped to the United States?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I was informed that the Sheik was reported to have said that on television last night. We had inquiries made this morning. While it was not possible to reach the Sheik himself, one of his staff was contacted and he confirmed, as the Sheik confirmed to me last week, that the name of Canada was not on the unfriendly list and that we remain on the neutral list. I gather that the Sheik said last night that they were concerned about the possible diversion of Saudi Arabian oil to the United States. Our intention is to follow this up again with the government of Saudi Arabia in order to point out that oil coming to Portland for transport through the pipeline can really go practically to no other destination but Canada, and also to point out that there has not been a diversion of Arabian source oil from Canada to the United States.

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Mr. Stanfield: Do I take it from the minister's reply that we are now in fact cut off by Saudi Arabia as far as oil supplies are concerned unless we can satisfy the government of that country with respect to trans-shipment of Arab oil to the United States? Are we cut off at the present time?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I might say it is because we are uncertain of the exact position of Saudi Arabia, in light of this recent statement, that we are going to confirm that. I hope to be able to know more definitely in a couple of days what the position of that government is.

Mr. Stanfield: Can the minister tell the House whether to his knowledge any oil has in fact been shipped from Saudi Arabia destined to Canada since late October?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, my understanding is that the last oil received—I think it was by the Irving refinery—was in the third week of November. What the actual date of shipment would be I could not be certain. That refinery is supplied by Saudi Arabian and Iranian sources and I am informed it has been kept whole. On the question of other shipments, of course we have known for some time that they would refuse to deliver to Portland, so I think I can confirm fairly accurately that no Saudi Arabian oil has come through Portland to Montreal.

OIL—EFFECT OF LACK OF SHIPMENTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA ON ESTIMATED SHORTFALL

Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. In view of the Sheik's declaration last night, which made it pretty evi-