

## WOMEN EMPLOYED BY CORRECTION SERVICES OF CANADA

Question No. 543—**Mr. Howie:**

As of the last date for which information was available, what proportion of the employees of the Correctional Services were women?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada is concerned: As of December 31, 1983, 22.9 per cent of the total staff complement were women.

## CEIC PROGRAM EVALUATION BRANCH

Question No. 546—**Mr. Howie:**

Are any persons employed by the Program Evaluation Branch of the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and, if so, how many and what is the estimated salary expenditure in the current fiscal year and, in each of the two preceding fiscal years, what was the salary expenditure?

**Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):**

Persons employed by the Program Evaluation Branch	— 46
Estimated salary expenditure in current fiscal year	— \$1,814,517
Salary expenditure 1982-83	— \$1,891,539
Salary expenditure 1981-82	— \$1,380,196

## WORK ADJUSTMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

Question No. 636—**Mr. Stewart:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 126, in the fiscal year 1983-84, what amount was budgeted for the Work Adjustment Training Program?

**Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):** In the fiscal year 1983-84, the amount of \$1,680,000 was budgeted for the Work Adjustment Training Program.

[English]

**Mr. Evans:** Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

*Borrowing Authority Act*  
**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[English]

**BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1984-85**

## MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

The House resumed from Tuesday, March 13, consideration of the motion of Mr. MacLaren that Bill C-21, an Act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

**Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines):** Mr. Speaker, when I concluded my remarks yesterday I was pointing out that John Turner had set the course for the Government's continued deficit financing. Since then Canadians have learned that such deficits are not cure-alls. The Ontario Economic Council points out very forcibly that such huge deficits crowd out desirable investments. When the federal Government borrows 90 cents of every dollar put aside by Canadians, it starts a strong competition for the remaining 10 per cent. The higher interest rates, which automatically follow on supply and demand, lead to increased inflation. We as a people have gone through that cycle once before. We do not want to do it again, Mr. Speaker, nor can this economic recovery about which we are hearing stand a further round of high interest and inflation.

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These high deficits are a reflection of over-spending. Federal government spending for the upcoming fiscal year will exceed \$98 billion. This represents a year over year increase of 10.5 per cent. The Minister followed the six and five program of restraint, so he says, by promising to hold the line at 4 per cent in his February Budget. It takes a rather elastic line indeed, one that has lost all of its strength and control, to allow a stretch from 4 per cent to 10.5 per cent.

Bill C-21 is the inevitable result of a government's refusal to live within its means. Every home owner in this country knows how discouraging it is to pay on a mortgage year after year and not see any reduction on the principal of that mortgage. When individual citizens or organizations borrow money and go into debt, they must repay their loans as well as interest that has accumulated on it. Governments are really no different, except that some governments close their eyes and increase taxation. It is that simple for them. But tell that to the taxpayers of St. Catharines. They know what a thousand dollars is worth. They believe that their tax dollar is going into Public Works, National Defence, social programs and so on. But not any more. That \$1,000 per taxpayer in St. Catharines is his annual contribution to the public debt service charges.

It takes no great intellectual wizard to understand that these service charges will crowd essential programs. We want the Government's spending madness to stop now.

To put it quite simply, I would be treating the taxpayers in my riding with contempt if I voted for this legislation. It is