

Routine Proceedings

corner that I was not able to be seen by the Speaker. I am pleased to be recognized.

It is my privilege, under Standing Order 36, to present to the 10 petitions signed members of my riding from Osoyoos, Oliver, Okanagan Falls, Kaleden, Summerland and Naramata, with a total of 1,163 names.

These petitioners are all in opposition to the government's proposed goods and services tax. They state that it is an unfair form of taxation because of its lack of regard for the taxpayers' ability to pay and they ask the government to reject the current proposal for the goods and services tax. They also ask the government to cease with the proposal which will shift the tax burden onto ordinary Canadians through a regressive consumption tax instead of through real tax reform.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Government House Leader): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Questions Nos. 135, 160, 166 and 168.

[Text]

PRIVATIZATION

Question No. 135—Mr. Taylor:

Is the government prepared (a) to provide the (i) titles (ii) authors (iii) dates of production (iv) content of any studies or other research undertaken by or on behalf of the government or Canada Post on the privatization of all or any part of the postal system or postal operations (b) to make these documents available to Members of Parliament?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology): The Government is aware that the information that could be provided to the Honourable Member was in fact provided at the Standing Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Government Operations on November 2, 1989, and therefore believes that the Honourable Member's question has been satisfactorily addressed through that process.

STATISTICS ON SENIORS LIVING IN SCARBOROUGH WEST

*Question No. 160—Mr. Wappel:

Does the government keep records on Seniors living in the constituency of Scarborough West and, if so (a) what number of them are there (b) what is their average (i) age (ii) income (c) what percentage (i) are married (ii) are single (iii) own their own homes (iv) are renters?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Statistics Canada reports:

Information on seniors (persons aged 65 years and over) living in the Federal Electoral District of Scarborough West is available from the 1986 Census and is shown in the attached table.

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS AGED 65 YEARS AND OVER, SCARBOROUGH WEST, 1986

A) NUMBER			
Total		11,190	
Male		4,445	
Female		6,750	
B) AVERAGE AGE			
Total		73.7 years	
Male		72.6 years	
Female		74.4 years	
C) MARITAL STATUS			
		Number	Percent
Now married		5,650	50.5
Separated		250	2.2
Divorced		335	3.0
Widowed		4,110	36.7
Never married		855	7.6
Total		11,190	100.0
D) AVERAGE INCOME, 1985 ¹			
Total		\$13,986	
Male		\$17,933	
Female		\$11,154	
E) PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN RENTED PREMISES ¹			
Total		3,390	33.8
Maintainer (responsible for payments)		2,650	26.4
Non-maintainer		740	7.4
F) PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER LIVING IN OWNED PREMISES ¹			
Total		6,630	66.2
Maintainer (responsible for payments)		3,980	39.7
Non-maintainer		2,650	26.4