

Order Paper Questions

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3,980, 5,112, and 5,687.

[Text]

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY—
GRANTS AND PROJECTS

Question No. 3,980—**Mr. Matte:**

1. Has the Canadian International Development Agency ever made grants for the creation of projects in foreign countries and, if so, how many?

2. For each such grant, what was the (a) name of the project (b) location of the project (c) year it was made (d) amount?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes, since it was established the Canadian International Development Agency has made many thousands of grants to developing countries to provide direct economic, technical and social development assistance to these countries. From 1968 to date, CIDA has made grants to developing countries in the following amounts:

Year	Amount
1968-69	\$133,503,723.18
1969-70	156,593,396.05
1970-71	193,303,414.15
1971-72	197,454,117.93
1972-73	245,903,031.66
1973-74	262,192,803.90
1974-75	333,749,668.83
1975-76*	382,946,791.00

*Expenditures up to 31-1-76

2. The data required to answer this part of the question are not maintained for the years prior to 1969-70. Since 1970, there have been many thousands of grants made. To provide the information requested for each and every one of these grants would involve massive research which could be done only with the expenditure of large amounts of both time and resources, which during this period of financial restraint, are not available.

NOVA SCOTIA—GROSS PROVINCIAL PRODUCT

Question No. 5,112—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What is the government's best estimate of its dollar level contribution to the gross provincial product of Nova Scotia in each year for which figures are available since 1968?

2. For each such year, what percentage of Nova Scotia's gross provincial product does the federal spending represent?

[Mr. Buchanan.]

Mr. Jacques-L. Trudel (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): 1 and 2. No official federal estimate exists of Nova Scotia's Gross Product, nor do official estimates exist of the total contribution of all federal government actions to economic activity in Nova Scotia. Estimates of Nova Scotia's gross provincial product are available from the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council, and estimates of expenditures in Nova Scotia under a number of major federal programs are available from Statistics Canada. These estimates are shown in the first panel below. The second panel shows the expenditure estimates expressed as percentages of estimated gross provincial product though this is only to provide a general indication of their importance relative to the size of the Nova Scotia economy. These percentage figures do not, in any way, represent estimates of contributions to gross provincial product. Apart from federal wages, the expenditure series shown are not actual components of gross provincial product. They are, however, major sources of financing for personal expenditures and for expenditures by the provincial and local government expenditures. Many other federal actions, expenditures, revenues and non-budgetary actions, both in and outside Nova Scotia, influence Nova Scotia's economy directly or indirectly.

Federal Payments to Persons and Governments
in Nova Scotia

	Nova Scotia Gross Provincial Product	Wages and Salaries	Transfers to Persons	Transfers to Provincial- Local Governments
(in \$ millions)				
1971	2,532	247	218	236
1972	2,871	278	281	279
1973	3,230	307	322	346
1974	3,780	346	397	400

(as per cent Nova Scotia Gross Provincial
Product)

1971	9.8	8.6	9.3
1972	9.7	9.8	9.7
1973	9.5	10.0	10.7
1974	9.2	10.5	10.6

METRIC CONVERSION

Question No. 5,687—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. For what reason did the government decide to phase in the metric system at the present pace instead of implementing the change at the same time as the United States?

2. Is the government prepared to make special financial assistance available to businesses and other organizations for whom the introduction of the metric system will create a heavy financial burden and, if so, what is the nature of such assistance and to whom should inquiries and applications be made?

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. Canadian sector plans and schedules to take into account the interdependency of conversion activities in Canada with those in other countries, particularly in the USA. Although Canada is slightly ahead of the USA with its Investigation and Planning, much progress has already been made in the USA. Each sector committee in Canada has developed or is still