

Order Paper Questions

A formal evaluation plan is being developed for use in assessing the results of the current limited initiative.

(a) future impact evaluations will be carried out by the Departmental Directorate of Policy Planning and Evaluation and presented to the deputy minister;

(b) evaluations are available to the public within the relevant government guidelines;

(c) the program is established by regulations, therefore approved recommendations for altering the program will, as a minimum need, take that form for implementation.

AUTOMATED CLIENT DATA BASE INFORMATION SYSTEM

Question No. 3,062—**Mr. McKenzie:**

With reference to section 10.55 of the 1980 Report of the Auditor General, what were the results of the quest of the Department of Veterans Affairs into the potential need for extending the scope of an automated client database information system?

Hon. W. Bennett Campbell (Minister of Veterans Affairs): All studies and experience to date have concerned both the viability and necessity of maintaining and extending Veterans Affairs automated client database information. It is considered an integral element in Veterans Affairs' program of improvement and modernization. Since the Auditor General's review, the client database has been extended to provide management information to the Canadian Pension Commission on its high volume processes such as application and appeals. This information will assist the commission in the monitoring and control of these processes.

The primary current activity is to extend the use of the client database in the Pacific region of the veterans services program. This will be followed by an active program planned for the next two years to further extend both the content and use of this database to other regional and district offices supporting Veterans Affairs activities.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE

Question No. 3,148—**Mr. Neil:**

By province, what revenue is derived by the government from excise and customs?

Hon. William Rompkey (Minister of National Revenue): This information is contained in the "Report of the Department of National Revenue, Customs, Excise and Taxation, for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1981" tabled in the House of Commons October 27, 1981.

CANADA PENSION PLAN

Question No. 3,291—**Mr. Dantzer:**

1. How many individuals made Canada Pension Plan contributions in the (a) third quarter of 1980 (b) fourth quarter of 1980 (c) first quarter of 1981 (d) second quarter of 1981?

2. (a) How many CPP contributory accounts are on file (b) are they filed by social insurance number and, if not, what filing mechanism is used?

3. Was the list of CPP accounts ever cross-checked with the Department of Employment and Immigration's list of social insurance numbers to ensure accounts were not set up for non-existent persons?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by Health and Welfare Canada and Revenue Canada as follows:

1. Revenue Canada advises that these figures are not available by quarters. The monthly remittances of employers of Canada Pension Plan contributions do not identify the number of contributors involved. The number of individuals who contributed to the Quebec Pension Plan and Canada Pension Plan in the calendar year 1980 as determined from the T1 1980 individual income tax returns assessed to the date of the question totalled 10,447,982. The structure of the T1 is such that it is not possible to break out a separate figure for the Canada Pension Plan at this time.

2. (a) Health and Welfare Canada has at present 13,481,434 individual contributory accounts on the file, known as the Record of Earnings File.

(b) They are filed by social insurance number.

3. Before posting entries to the Record of Earnings File, the social insurance number of each record is checked against a copy of the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission's file of social insurance numbers.

EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CPP

Question No. 3,292—**Mr. Dantzer:**

1. How many individuals, according to Canada Pension Plan files, contributed more than their yearly maximum last year?

2. Does the Department of National Revenue notify the CPP of the number of persons who claim refunds for overcontribution to the plan?

Hon. William Rompkey (Minister of National Revenue): 1. The number of individuals who overcontributed to the Canada Pension Plan in 1980 is not yet available. The number for 1979, derived from the number of refunds through the 1979 T1 individual income tax return system, totalled 2,792,715.

2. Yes.

BONUSES FOR SM AND EX GROUPS

Question No. 3,325—**Mr. Herbert:**

Will any bonus amounts be payable in 1981 to SM and EX groups and, if so (a) will the amounts be allocated to the appropriate departments (b) are any such expenditures covered in the Main Estimates?

Mr. Norman Kelly (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): Performance award payments were made in 1981 to employees in the EX groups. The amounts paid by departments were charged to the relevant vote of the department out of moneys provided for payment of salaries and wages. No payments were made in the SM group as conversion to this group has not been completed. It should be noted that some employees currently in the upper levels of some groups, that may be converted to the SM category, may