

Routine Proceedings

3. (a) Yes.

Of the 450 Canada Employment Centres for Students (CECs-S) operating this year across the country, more than 60 were officially opened with the participation of Members of Parliament from all three federal parties. In addition, almost all of the remaining centres were opened by way of a less formal open house where student staff invited the community into their offices. Student staff of these offices have continued to hold events to profile their activity throughout the summer. As well, Award of Merit certificates produced by the government of Canada were given to Hire-A-Student sponsors at the end of the summer.

All CECs-S received promotional material for staff and guests to assist in creating a dynamic, energetic and professional atmosphere. The Hire-A-Student campaign is part of the Challenge program.

Opposition members, the Honourable Bill Rompkey (Labrador) and Mr. John Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) have hosted official openings and many others participated in open houses to assist in raising community awareness of the 1989 Hire-A-Student campaign. The government appreciates the ingenuity and energy of all students and the support of all members for their efforts.

(b) No.

No official openings were cancelled before or after May 11, 1989. On occasion, obligations prevented a member from attending an event, in which case the CEC or CEC-S manager would officiate at the opening on the M.P.'s behalf.

(c) No.

(d) No.

See answer b.

SPECIAL FEDERAL INQUIRIES UNIT OF THE ROYAL
CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Question No. 101—**Mr. Kaplan:**

Has the government set up a Special Federal Inquiries Unit of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and, if so (a) on what date was it set up (b) what is its mandate (c) what continuity of personnel has it enjoyed (d) what number of cases has it established?

Hon. Pierre Blais (Solicitor General of Canada and Minister of State (Agriculture)): (a) 1985

(b) The Branch deals with high profile cases involving crimes against the Government of Canada and serious crimes committed by public officials. Pursuant to a Treasury Board Directive, it also investigates cases referred by the Auditor General or federal departments and agencies where losses of public funds are suspected to be of criminal origin.

(c) The Branch started as a unit of four personnel. Two additional people have been added. Three of the initial group were transferred and their positions filled with new members.

(d) The unit has opened 65 investigational files to date.

MARKETING OF LAMBS AND SHEEP IN QUEBEC

Question No. 103—**Mr. Assad:**

1. Does the government intend to grant a produce quality allowance to Quebec sheep and lamb producers?

2. Is the government in a position to assure the Federation of Quebec Sheep and Lamb Producers that the pilot project which has been under consideration for eight months will be implemented?

Hon. Donald Frank Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): 1. Yes, Agriculture Canada has worked in conjunction with the Fédération in developing regulations regarding this specific type of product.

2. The pilot project has an implementation date of September 15, 1989.

MARKETING OF LAMBS AND SHEEP IN QUEBEC

Question No. 104—**Mr. Assad:**

Is the government aware of the existence of a pilot project involving the Federation of Quebec Sheep and Lamb Producers, in which a sum of \$100,000 each was invested by the Quebec Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the *Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec* and, if so, what has become of the project?

Hon. Donald Frank Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Yes, Agriculture Canada is aware and the project is being undertaken in conjunction with the Fédération. Training of staff is presently being performed and administrative preparation is now occurring with an implementation date of September 15th, 1989.