

objections from the other parties, I will take it for granted it is worth pursuing the notion of sitting beyond ten o'clock.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

ESTABLISHMENT OF CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of Communications) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-24, respecting Telecommunications in Canada and providing the appropriation of public revenue under the circumstances, in the manner and for the purposes set out in this measure.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Speaker: When shall this bill be read the second time?

Some hon. Members: At the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Speaker: At the next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 460 and 773.

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

[Text]

EXPENDITURES IN CONSTITUENCY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

Question No. 460—**Mr. Leggatt:**

In each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of New Westminster by the Department of Supply and Services and those agencies that report to it?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Department of Supply and Services and the Canadian Commercial Corporation is concerned: the Department of Supply and Services maintains records by city and provincial boundaries and not by electoral districts. However, our records show the following contracting activity on behalf of government departments with vendors in the city of New Westminster, British Columbia:

Order Paper Questions

Period	\$000
1970-71	not available
1971-72	114
1972-73	849
1973-74	1,215
1974-75	1,595
1975-76	1,684
1976-77	1,360
April-October 1977	673

NOTE: Excludes the Department of Supply and Services regional operations contracting activity prior to April 1, 1976.

In so far as Canadian Arsenals Limited, Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and the Royal Canadian Mint are concerned: Nil

CANADA PENSION PLAN OFFICE, BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO

Question No. 773—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the government aware that there are a number of steps leading up to the Canada Pension Plan Office in Brockville, Ontario, which create a severe difficulty for the elderly and disabled and has the government looked into the situation and (a) if so, with what results (b) if not, for what reason?

2. Will the government consider moving the office to another location that will not require such a handicap for those who must use the facilities?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes, the government is aware that there are 43 stair steps from the street level leading up the Canada Pension Plan office. This situation was taken into account in planning a current space reallocation project of various occupants of the building, scheduled to be completed February 1, 1978. (a) As a result of this project the Canada Pension Plan office will be located in the basement of the building. This will improve the situation by reducing the number of steps to 16. Furthermore, as part of our overall programme to provide ease of access for handicapped persons to all government buildings, a project is under preparation to modify the secondary entrance of building, including the freight elevator, to make all floors accessible to persons using wheelchairs. This project is scheduled for completion in June, 1978. (b) Not applicable.

2. In view of the answer to part I, it is not considered necessary to further move the office within the building or to another building.

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[English]

Mr. Epp: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I placed questions on the order paper three days after this session began in October. These questions are very straightforward. I wonder whether the parliamentary secretary can indicate when he intends to have those answers given to the House?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, we have already replied to 414 of the more than 1,204 questions which have been asked. This being more than one third of the total questions asked up to