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languages and cultures in the schools and (a) if so, on what date (b) if not, for what reasons?

4. Has the government surveyed the provinces to determine (a) the availability of instruction in non-official languages in the public school systems (b) the relationship between those languages available and the ethnic composition of the province in question?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): 1. None.

- 2. (a) All provinces have expressed interest; (b) Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.
- 3. (a) No; (b) any such discussions would be held with the provinces individually or with the Council of Ministers of Education, after the results become available from the current research program on language as a factor in cultural retention.
- 4. (a) The Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism examined the availability of instruction in the non-official languages and the results of that study are available in Volume 4 of the Commission's reports; (b) no.

LISTENING DEVICES IN CANADIAN EMBASSIES AND CONSULAR OFFICES

Question No. 1,938-Mr. Cossitt:

- 1. Have listening devices of any kind been discovered at any time since 1958 in Canadian Embassies, Consular Offices, or any other buildings occupied abroad by the Canadian Government and, if so, in what specific places were such devices found and on what dates were they found?
- 2. During the above-mentioned period of time, did the government ever become aware of third parties listening to telephone conversations to or from any buildings occupied by the government abroad and, if so, what were the dates of such occurrences and specifically where did these incidents happen?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes. We have had evidence of such activities directed against some of our missions abroad. It would not be in the national interest, however, to go into detail on this evidence or how or where we obtained it.

2. No. Due to the ease with which telephone conversations can be monitored, members of the Canadian foreign service exercise caution and discipline in the use of telephone.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

Question No. 1,939-Mr. Cossitt:

[Mr. Yewchuk.]

- 1. What were the considerations that led to the appointment of Mr. Russell Honey, formerly M.P. for Northumberland-Durham, to a Judgeship as announced by the Minister of Justice?
- 2. Did the fact that he was formerly a Liberal Member of Parliament have a bearing on his appointment?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): Governments in the past have not commented on matters relating to specific judicial appointments except in respect to policy and procedure. The major formal consultative process in considering appointments to the Bench involves the submission of names of potential candidates to the Judicial Committee of the Canadian Bar Association and their return of a judgment about whether or not the person or persons under consideration for appointment are quali-

fied, well qualified or not qualified for the appointment. The criteria considered before recommending individuals for judicial appointment to the Governor in Council for approval include competence, integrity, honesty, experience and merit, as the quality of our justice is measured by the quality of our judges. The chief criterion in the past has been, and will remain, one of competence for the appointment under consideration.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION—PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,958-Mr. Dick:

- 1. How many persons were hired, in each of the past five years 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971 and 1972 by the Public Service Commission to become public servants?
- 2. How many hired, in each year of the past five years, were not Canadian citizens?
- 3. Of the number who were not Canadian citizens, how many were not landed immigrants at the time they were accepted in the Public Service?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1.

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972*	Total
By Public Service Commission	17,602	11,206	8,350	7,226	7,992	52,376
By Departments (under delegated authority)	2,777	9,527	14,705	20,480	30,576	78,065
Total	20,379	20,733	23,055	27,706	38,568	130,441

*Figures taken from annual report.

- 2. The Public Service Commission does not keep a central record of the number of persons who were not Canadian citizens hired in each of the past five years.
- 3. Since the Commission does not maintain records of persons hired who were not Canadian citizens, it has no record of those who were not landed immigrants.

BANK OF CANADA—MONEY SUPPLY

Question No. 2,005-Mr. Clarke (Vancouver Quadra):

- 1. By what percentage rate did the Bank of Canada inflate the money supply between January 1 and December 31, 1972?
- 2. By what percentage rate does the Bank of Canada plan to inflate the money supply between January 1 and December 31, 1973?
- 3. What rate of inflation of the consumer price index does the Bank of Canada expect will result from this increase in the money supply during 1973?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): 1. Total chartered bank deposits and currency outside banks increased by 13.6 per cent between December 31, 1971 and December 31, 1972. Over the same period, privately held deposits and currency outside banks grew by 13.9 per cent.

2. The Bank of Canada does not establish in advance a precise target rate of growth for the banking system or for monetary aggregates. Its view of the appropriate rate of monetary expansion and of credit conditions is subject to modification as new information about the current state of the economy or unexpected developments alter prospec-