

banks determine the particular loans and investments in which they will employ their resources.

CREATION OF ADDITIONAL BANKING INSTITUTIONS

Question No. 261—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government consider the advisability of allowing additional banking institutions to be created in order to make the banking business more competitive?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): It is the policy of the government to encourage the establishment of new banks.

INTEREST FREE DEPOSITS IN BANKS

Question No. 262—**Mr. Robinson:**

Does the government have information on how much money is used by banks in their business of banking upon which they do not pay any interest to the deposit holder and, if so, what is this amount?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): The returns of assets and liabilities made by banks pursuant to the Bank Act do not classify deposits on the basis of whether or not interest is payable to the depositors.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Question No. 295—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government take action to process the applications of illegal immigrants to Canada or to order them out of the country at their own expense?

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): When a person who is in Canada illegally is reported to the department or otherwise apprehended appropriate action is taken under the Immigration Act as quickly as possible having regard to available resources and due processes of law. Wherever the law permits, deportation is carried out at other than public expense.

NON-IMMIGRANT REQUIREMENTS

Question No. 297—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government ensure that anyone entering Canada as a tourist deposits sufficient funds on entry to guarantee passage back to his country of origin?

Mr. Ray Perrault (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Because the vast majority of the more than 38 million people who visit Canada every year leave within the prescribed time, it is not considered practical or necessary to require the taking of deposits from all visitors to protect against the relatively small number who abuse the terms of their entry. However, an individual's ability to effect his departure at his own expense is taken into consideration in the case of all visitors granted admission. If the examining officer has any doubts in this respect, the Immigration Act provides for the taking of a bond to guarantee against the expenditure of public funds on his behalf.

Questions

*LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM PROJECTS

Question No. 317—**Mr. Korchinski:**

1. On what date was the final project under the Local Initiatives Program approved in the Province of Saskatchewan?

2. How much money was allocated to Saskatchewan by that date?

3. Have all the provinces been informed that there are no longer any funds available and, if not, which provinces still have not used up the funds available?

4. What was the percentage of the total funds available to each province?

5. On what date was the Town of Sturgis informed that its project was rejected?

6. Have any projects been accepted in any province after the final date for receipt of applications and, if so, in which provinces were they accepted?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I have the reply to starred question No. 317 here and am perfectly prepared to read it, but it is rather lengthy and I wonder whether hon. members would prefer that it simply be tabled in *Hansard* as read?

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: The answer above referred to is as follows:*]

1. March 8, 1972.

2. Records indicate that as of March 8, 1972, \$4,224,397 has been allocated to approved projects in Saskatchewan. That figure is subject to change as adjustments are sometimes made when the contract is negotiated after final approval.

3. Provinces have not been informed that there are no longer any funds available as they are not involved in the administration or approval of projects, with the exception that they review municipal projects. The administration and approval of all projects is handled through regional offices of the Department of Manpower and Immigration.

4. As of March 17, 1972, the percentage of total funds available to each province was:

	%
Newfoundland	6.6
Nova Scotia	7.0
Prince Edward Island	1.4
New Brunswick	6.2
Quebec	42.3
Ontario	14.8
Manitoba	3.6
Saskatchewan	2.7
Alberta	5.3
Northwest Territories	0.7
British Columbia	9.1
Yukon Territory	0.3

5. February 14, 1972.

6. No.