

COMMONS DEBATES

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

Mr. Peter Milliken (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 137 and 191.

Question No. 137-**Mr. Breitzkreuz (Yorkton-Melville):** How many full time and part time staff are involved in and what is the total cost of administering the current firearms laws and regulations for all of Canada and what share of the costs is borne by the three levels of government: Federal, Provincial and Municipal?

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Lib.): The federal cost of administering the current firearms control program is borne mainly by the Department of Justice Canada and the firearms registration and administration section of the RCMP. Federal expenditures and the number of staff in 1993-94, the last completed fiscal year, are shown in the following table. The provincial and territorial governments and the municipalities should be consulted directly in order to obtain their cost information.

1. Department of Justice Canada

Staff (Full time and term employees)-10

Operating budget (including salaries)-\$5.7 million

Money transferred to provinces-territories pursuant to financial agreements-\$8.4 million

(2) Firearms registration and administration section, RCMP

Staff (Full time and term employees)-47

Operating budget (including salaries)-\$1.4 million

TOTAL FEDERAL COST-\$15.5 MILLION

1. This figure includes certain one time only cost. Approximately \$2 million were invested in the development of the Canadian firearms safety training course: a 1.2 million grant to provinces and territories to initially set up their safety training program and \$1.4 million was spent on the development and implementation of the automated system for firearm acquisition certificates and accompanying forms.
2. This amount represents the compensation to provinces and territories for 1993-94 as per new agreements.