

the committee is concerned I do not think I should be asked to deal with specific cases. When you get down to specific cases the Crown Assets Allocation Committee has no idea what happened, and I think perhaps these questions should be directed to the officers of the corporation who dealt with the matter. By the way, I forgot to add one thing to what I said before. I am advised there is a typographical error in the statistical report. The last figure on the last page ought to be \$2,087,019.

*By Mr. McIlraith:*

Q. What page is that?—A. It is on the last page of the statistical report.

Mr. BENEDICKSON: Is that item 700?—A. Yes, It ought to be \$2,087,019.

*By Mr. Probe:*

Q. I should like to ask Mr. DeRoche a question with respect to the recommendations made by the Crown Assets Allocation Committee to War Assets Corporation for the disposal of equipment declared surplus. Do they in making these recommendations, as enumerated in this schedule "D" that we have before us, take into account the fact that they have set up certain priorities? I think possibly this was covered the other morning, but I am not clear for the same reason that Mr. Shaw it not. We have not a transcript of the morning's proceedings. Does the Crown Assets Allocation Committee consider the possible needs of other government departments first, then of other governmental bodies and then the usual trade channel requirements, and so on? Is that the procedure by which the Crown Assets Allocation Committee makes its recommendations to War Assets Corporation?—A. Not quite so far down the line. The jurisdiction of the Crown Assets Allocation Committee as fixed by the Act has no relation to the requirements of government departments, provincial governments, municipalities and public bodies. In making these priority recommendations it does consider the needs of these people. When it has exhausted that list it has no further functions and simply passes it on to the corporation. Commercial priorities are the corporation's matter, not the committee's.

Q. In other words, you do handle priorities in the Crown Assets Allocation Committee?—A. Those priorities.

Q. Assuming, for example, that a public body was interested in certain of these materials which are in process of being declared surplus they would come to you and say, "Here, we want to be considered in the disposal of this equipment," and then based on that request of a public body you make the appropriate recommendation to War Assets Corporation in passing over the materials to them?—A. That is correct.

*By Mr. Cote:*

Q. If these public bodies should apply directly to War Assets Corporation could they claim any priority there without interference of the Crown Assets Allocation Committee?—A. The corporation and the committee exchange requests. That is, if a request from a public body reaches the corporation it would be forwarded to the committee. In addition to that the corporation act on the general schedule of priorities which the committee has laid down, namely, first, the dominion government; second, the provinces; third, the municipalities, and fourth, public bodies. So that if the store in question was already transferred to the corporation and they received a request they would act upon that priority. If the store had not reached the corporation it would refer the request to the committee so that appropriate direction could be attached when the store did go through.