

Questions

2. Cost of network program production:

(a) French network	22,021	21,843	24,685
(b) English network	31,188	30,312	33,700
(c) in Toronto	22,694	21,232	23,185
(d) in Montreal	21,668	21,539	24,345

\*PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS WITHOUT TENDER

Question No. 1,561—**Mr. Lessard (St. Henry):**

What is the total amount of all contracts awarded or all orders placed by the Department of Public Works, without calling for public tenders, between July 1, 1957 and April 1, 1963?

[Translation]

**Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker—

[Text]

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

**Mr. Cardin:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I might thank hon. members for their implied good wishes in my new portfolio. I do not think I can do any better than try to follow the standards and example of my immediate predecessor for whom, I am sure, we have a great deal of respect and friendship, and a lot of sympathy.

[Translation]

During the period I have just mentioned, tenders called for construction and repairs totalled \$14,593,839.33.

Contracts for emergency repairs were in the amount of \$2,460,275.01.

Contracts for urgent requirements totalled \$2,868,477.88.

For the period of April 1, 1960, to March 31, 1963, tenders called for purchase orders reached a total of \$9,096,780.00.

[Text]

\*BILINGUAL UNIFORM INSCRIPTIONS, R.C.M.P.

Question No. 1,598—**Mr. Pigeon:**

Is the Minister of Justice considering the possibility of having bilingual inscriptions on the caps and uniforms of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and, if not, for what reasons?

[Translation]

**Mr. Favreau:** Of course, the answer is yes.

[Text]

CANADA COUNCIL—GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 1,654—**Mr. Southam:**

Under the Canada Council Act of 1957 (a) how many applications for grants were received from the province of Saskatchewan in 1963 for the arts, humanities and social sciences (b) how many were

accepted and how many rejected (c) what was the total value of grants made in 1963 (d) what are the comparable statistics for Saskatchewan for 1964, to date (e) what was the total amount of grants made by the Canada Council to each of the other nine provinces in the year 1963 and in 1964, to date?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** Because of section 13 of the Canada Council Act, the council is not an agent of Her Majesty; consequently, the government does not have records showing the statistics requested in this question, and the government has no power to direct the council to supply this information. The legal relationship was explained by the Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker on November 27, 1957 (*Hansard*, pp. 1558-9) and on June 18, 1958 (*Hansard*, p. 1389).

COMMENTATORS ON BROADCASTING NETWORKS

Question No. 1,705—**Mr. Madill:**

1. How many English speaking commentators are on our English network?
2. How many French speaking commentators are on our English network?
3. How many English speaking commentators are on our French network?
4. How many French speaking commentators are on our French network?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that, having been advised by the hon. member that his question relates to staff announcers and not commentators, as of November 30, 1964, there are 201 announcers, including announcer-operators and announcer-producers employed on the English networks and stations and there are 64 announcers including announcer-operators employed on the French networks and stations.

OBSERVANCE OF BIRTHDAY OF SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

Question No. 1,729—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Is the government planning for the national observance of the sesquicentennial of the birth of Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, January 11, 1965 and, if so, what individuals or groups have been assigned responsibility for arranging such commemorative observances?
2. What is the nature of any ceremonies already planned?
3. Is the government co-operating with the government of the province of Ontario in arranging appropriate celebrations for this historic occasion?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** 1. (Answered on orders of the day, *Hansard*, November 10, 1964, page 9950).

2. Ceremonies in co-operation with the province of Ontario, the city of Kingston and the Kingston historical society were held at