

3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. \$198,870.

2. No, total overrun is \$308,000.

3. Project has been completed. It was initiated and approved prior to issuance of the Treasury Board directive on cost control, December, 1979. To the extent possible at the stage of construction, the cost control procedures outlined in the response to question No. 1,371, part 3(b), answered this day were followed.

Question No. 1,380—Mr. Greenaway:

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Water and Sewer System at Fond du Lac?

2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?

3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable. This project has been postponed.

3. When the project is resumed, it will be carried out in accordance with cost control procedures as outlined in the response to question No. 1,371, part 3(b), answered this day.

Question No. 1,381—Mr. Greenaway:

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Multi-Purpose Building Project at Big River?

2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?

3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. \$179,000.

2. Yes.

3. The project has been substantially completed. It was initiated and approved prior to issuance of the Treasury Board directive on cost control, December, 1979. To the extent possible at the stage of construction, the cost control procedures outlined in the response to question No. 1,371, part 3(b), answered this day were followed.

Question No. 1,382—Mr. Greenaway:

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Carcross/Skagway Road, MI 50-85 in the Yukon Territory?

2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?

3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. \$700,000.

2. Yes.

3. Work is complete. This project, as well as the Liard and the Dempster Highway projects, was started before the new

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Treasury Board policy on procedures for cost overruns was formulated. Therefore, a large part of the overrun can be attributed to cost escalation, a factor not considered in the original estimates. Now, as a result of the above-noted policy, all projects started after July 27, 1979, have an allowance for this significant cost escalation factor. Steps taken to prevent further cost overruns include adherence to the Treasury Board policy which as well as allowing for cost escalation establishes procedures for ensuring better cost control. For further details see response to question No. 1,371, part 3(b) answered this day.

In addition to the above, DIAND is, along with Public Works Canada, continually seeking means whereby costs can be kept to a minimum while at the same time, building safe, quality highways. Areas under consideration include seeking methods and procedures for more efficient filed investigation as well as less costly designs.

Question No. 1,383—Mr. Greenaway:

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Liard Highway MI 21-158 Project in the Northwest Territories?

2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?

3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

3. See response to question No. 1,382, part 3 answered this day.

Question No. 1,384—Mr. Greenaway:

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Dempster Highway Project in the Northwest and Yukon Territories?

2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?

3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Nil for the total project although there have been cost overruns caused by unforeseen soil conditions on individual contracts on this highway.

2. The department cannot predict whether there will be a cost overrun as defined in the new policy but steps are being taken to ensure against it.

3. See response to question No. 1,382, part 3 answered this day.

Question No. 1,385—Mr. Greenaway:

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Elementary School at Whycocomagh, Nova Scotia?

2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?

3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?