

Order Paper Questions

2. Halifax Fishing Ventures Ltd. is unknown but the principals of Maritime Fishing Ventures Limited are as follows: Mr. A. C. Huxtable, President; Mr. Paul P. Russell, Vice-President; B. A. Huxtable, Secretary-Treasurer; Mr. Gordon Elliott, Director.

3. \$16,503.61.

**TENDERS REGARDING RENEWAL OF CAR RENTAL LICENCES—
QUEBEC CITY AIRPORT**

Question No. 804—Mr. Beaudoin:

Were any tenders received in response to the Department of Transport's 1976 call for tenders regarding the renewal of car rental licences at the Quebec City Airport and, if so, how many?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Yes, public tenders were called by the Department in 1976 for the awarding of agreements to operate car rental concessions at Quebec city airport. Five companies submitted financial offers.

**COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY FROM FREDERICTON
TO SAINT JOHN, N.B.**

Question No. 985—Mr. Howie:

Has the Department of Transport (a) agreed (b) been asked to financially support the cost of construction of a highway from Fredericton to Saint John, New Brunswick?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): (a) The Department of Transport has offered to pay 50 per cent of the cost of a programme to improve primary highways in the Atlantic region. Negotiations on the details of the program are continuing. (b) Yes.

**AMOUNT SPENT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF NATIONAL HARBOURS
BOARD SEAPORTS**

Question No. 991—Mr. Howie:

Since January 1, 1976, what amount has been spent for the improvement of each of the seaports under the jurisdiction of the National Harbours Board?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): The National Harbours Board advises as follows:

Port	12 months ended December, 1976	11 months ended November 30, 1977	Total
St. John's	\$ 437,039	\$ 392,267	\$ 829,306
Halifax	277,402	137,321	414,723
Saint John	2,867,699	3,200,476	6,068,175
Belledune	—	—	—
Sept-Îles	295,106	770,885	1,065,991
Chicoutimi	1,806,782	902,353	2,709,135
Bai des Ha! Ha!	—	—	—
Quebec	1,357,116	517,716	1,874,832
Trois-Rivières	187,214	223,630	410,844
Montreal	2,094,601	1,139,251	3,233,852
Jacques Cartier Bridge	—	—	—
Champlain Bridge	243,508	—	243,508
Prescott	108,203	1,763,325	1,871,528
Port Colborne	218,134	508,185	726,319
Churchill	714,745	392,636	1,107,381
Vancouver	5,877,016	6,536,642	12,413,658
Prince Rupert	2,527,138	2,890,782	5,417,920
Total	\$19,011,703	\$19,375,469	\$38,387,172

[Mr. Lang.]

AIR TRANSPORTATION TAX

Question No. 1,009—Mr. Howie:

What was the gross revenue from the current \$8 air travel tax used to defray the cost of security at airports in each of the fiscal years ending March 31 (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): The air transportation tax was implemented on December 1, 1974. At that time domestic and transborder (Canada-U.S.) trips were subject to an ad valorem tax of 5 per cent, maximum \$5, while a specific tax of \$5 applied to other international trips. On August 1, 1975, the ad valorem tax was increased to 8 per cent, maximum \$8, and the specific tax raised to \$8. The revenue from the tax helps pay for the cost of airport facilities and services in general and is not allocated to specific services such as the provision of airport security. The annual revenue from December 1, 1974 to March 31, 1977 was as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending	Revenue (\$000)
March 31, 1975	\$ 7,109
March 31, 1976	53,731
March 31, 1977	71,107

**RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MODERN, UP TO DATE CAR SHOP IN
MONCTON**

Question No. 1,022—Mr. Jones:

With the establishment and operation of VIA Rail Inc., what consideration is being given to the re-establishment of a modern up to date car shop in Moncton, New Brunswick to service, renovate, repair and maintain and possibly construct new modern passenger cars for CN, CP and for VIA Rail or the Department of Transport?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): VIA Rail Canada Inc. will be reviewing the need for maintenance facilities and will be considering alternate sites including Moncton.

**AMOUNT SPENT BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN
CONSTITUENCY OF NICKEL BELT**

Question No. 1,134—Mr. Rodriguez:

For each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of Nickel Belt by the Department of Veterans Affairs and those agencies that report to it?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Departmental accounting systems are not designed to provide this information by constituency.