

the provincial facilities, but has its own offices and courtrooms, and a permanent staff of two persons, the Registrar and Clerk. There is no staff of reporters as these are hired from the private sector.

The matters within the jurisdiction of the Federal Court include actions against the Federal Crown, patent, trademark and copyright, citizenship, immigration, tax assessment and appeals from federal tribunals. These cases are heard regularly by Trial Division judges on circuit from Ottawa, and the Court of Appeal sits once or twice a year or as necessary.

During the tenure of the present District Administrator in Edmonton, Mr. Orrin Splane (who took office in 1984), there has never been any requirement to supply interpreters for the reception of evidence, or translators for documents. If such a demand were to arise, the services would be provided by private contract. The court presently has facilities available for translation.

The Tax Court of Canada uses the same physical facilities as the Federal Court, but has no permanent staff in Alberta.

16. It is noted that the assessment in the Alliance Canada news release that all courts are affected is inaccurate. I agree that it is inaccurate.

17. A further inaccuracy in the Alliance Canada news release is noted and I concur with Mr. Wilson's assessment.

18. Mr. Wilson notes that all judges of the Federal Courts with