

2. Fees paid to lawyers used in the constituency of Victoria, British Columbia by Farm Credit Corporation are paid as follows: (a) by the borrowers upon their directions out of the proceeds of the mortgage loans in which case Farm Credit Corporation does not maintain records of amounts so paid; (b) by Farm Credit Corporation on mortgage proceedings—Nil.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—USE OF LAW FIRMS

Question No. 3,631—**Mr. McKinnon**:

1. What were the names and addresses of all lawyers and law firms in the Constituency of Victoria, British Columbia who performed services for the Department of Agriculture during 1973 and 1974?

2. By year, what was the total amount paid to each?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): In accordance with section 4 of the Government Contracts Regulations, the department cannot contract for legal services.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—USE OF LAW FIRMS

Question No. 3,636—**Mr. McKinnon**:

1. What were the names and addresses of all lawyers and law firms in the Constituency of Victoria, British Columbia who performed services for the Post Office Department during 1973 and 1974?

2. By year, what was the total amount paid to each?

Mr. Paul E. McRae (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD—USE OF LAW FIRMS

Question No. 3,637—**Mr. McKinnon**:

1. What were the names and addresses of all lawyers and law firms in the Constituency of Victoria, British Columbia who performed services for the National Energy Board during 1973 and 1974?

2. By year, what was the total amount paid to each?

Mr. Maurice Foster (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): National Energy Board reports as follows: 1. None.

2. Not applicable.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISING IN LACHINE,
QUEBEC

Question No. 3,643—**Mr. Clarke (Vancouver Quadra)**:

During the current fiscal year, have any payments been made by the Post Office Department to General Advertising Incorporated of Lachine, Quebec and, if so (a) in what amounts (b) on what dates (c) for what specific services?

Mr. Paul E. McRae (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): (a) The amount of advertising was \$11,542.23; (b) Paid on September 17, 1975; (c) For Post Office truck signs.

Supplementary Borrowing Authority

SAFETY INSPECTIONS AT RAE POINT AIR STRIP

Question No. 3,648—**Mr. Schellenberger**:

1. On how many occasions was an inspection carried out of the expediting operations and air strip at Rea Point during the year prior to the Panarctic air crash?

2. What department or government body had the jurisdiction for ensuring that regular safety inspections were made?

3. Were findings and/or recommendations reported to the Department subsequent to the inspections?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): 1. No inspections were carried out of the expediting operations and air strip at Rea Point during the year prior to the Panarctic air crash.

2. Transport Canada had not assumed any jurisdiction for ensuring that regular safety inspections were carried out at private aerodromes or for privately conducted operations.

3. Not applicable.

\$500 HOMEOWNER GRANTS

Question No. 3,658—**Mr. Matte**:

1. Since the coming into effect of the \$500 grant programme for new homeowners, has the government granted subsidies under the plan and, if so, in what amounts?

2. How many persons have been eligible for such grant?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I am advised by CMHC as follows: 1 and 2. To November 30, 1975, 66,389 applications had been approved for the \$500 grant for new homeowners, in a total amount of \$33.2 million.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SUPPLEMENTARY BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT,
1975BORROWING AUTHORITY FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND GENERAL
PURPOSES

On the order:

Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs of Bill C-80, an act to provide supplementary borrowing authority for public works and general purposes—*The Minister of Finance*.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order in respect of this bill. This is an unusual situation and maybe there is an answer to the point, but I note there is no Governor General's recommendation attached to this bill, nor have we had any message from His Excellency signed by his own hand. Usually, requests of this kind have been under supply bills based on the estimates, and that would be covered if it were done in that way. On the other hand, if it is a borrowing bill—and I have never heard of borrowing without it costing money—should there not be a Governor General's recommendation?