

7. (a) \$10,041. (b) \$19,113.

8. Variable, depending upon opportunities, mobility and performance.

9. (a) There is no capital assistance programme for students per se. There has been a capital assistance to the three veterinary schools which has allowed the enrollment to be increased from 45 to 90 students at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine from 60 to 120 students at the Ontario Veterinary College, and from 35 to 70 students at St-Hyacinthe. This measure has provided more opportunities for students to take veterinary science. (b) There is no student assistance program for expansion.

10. There are no definite plans for the establishment of a new veterinary college in Canada. The matter is under review and it is possible that a fourth veterinary college could be established, possibly in the Maritimes.

PRESS RELEASE—SECURITY OF PRESENT SYSTEM FOR
TENDERS

Question No. 1,946—**Mr. Reynolds:**

Did the Minister of Supply and Services issue a press release dated December 1973, in which it was stated the "high security" of the present system for tenders under \$10,000 will be maintained and, if so (a) what are the terms of reference inferred in the remark (b) what is the "high security"?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): The following excerpt is from a statement made by the Minister of Supply and Services in the House of Commons on December 19, 1973: "In any event, for tenders whose anticipated value is likely to be under \$10,000, the present highly secure system which has stood the test of time for upwards of 30 years will continue with as many improvements as we can make to it." The statement in the House of Commons was summarized in a press release dated the same day. That release read as follows: "For tenders under \$10,000," said Mr. Goyer, "the high security of the present system had stood the test of some 30 years and, with some improvements, will continue." The "highly secure system" referred to in these statements sets out precise procedures to be followed to ensure that the confidential nature of individual suppliers' tenders is preserved and that all suppliers are treated fairly, regardless of the type or value of the particular requirement.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—CONTRACT WITH AIR CANADA FOR
PASSENGER RESERVATION SERVICES

Question No. 1,951—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Has the Department of National Defence signed a contract with Air Canada for passenger reservation services on the Air Canada computer at a cost of \$1,866,662 and, if so, how many passengers travelled on Armed Services aircraft in 1974?

2. What percentage of the capacity of the aircraft seats available is this amount?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes. The number of passengers who travelled on Armed Services aircraft in 1974 was 260,000.

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2. 77 per cent.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—CONTRACT TO FAIRVIEW
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING

Question No. 1,964—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded to Fairview Industrial Engineering, Armadale, Nova Scotia for \$160,315 on November 29, 1974?

2. What was the purpose of the contract?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Department of Supply and Services is concerned: 1. Yes, however the contract was issued October 17, 1974. The news release of award of contract was dated November 29, 1974.

2. To furnish all plant labour, materials and equipment required to supply and install a casting platform, and to perform all work connected with the removal of machine shop equipments from existing locations and for its installation in a centralized location in building D108, HMC Dockyard, CFB Halifax, Nova Scotia, in strict accordance with DND specifications and drawings.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF AIR MATTRESSES

Question No. 1,966—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Does the government purchase top quality air mattresses at a price of \$44.20 and, if so (a) are such mattresses available at lower prices (b) what benefit makes such expenditure justifiable?

2. Does the Department of Supply and Services rely on a single supplier or do they request tenders for the item?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as DSS is concerned: 1. The price for the most recent purchase was \$48.66 each, f.o.b. manufacturer's plant. (a) No. (b) This is a highly specialized, lightweight air mattress carried in arctic kits. The mattress has special features such as special valves, vulcanized joints, and an integral inflating device that excludes moisture. Failure of the mattress to operate effectively could result in the user freezing to death.

2. A great deal of effort was made to interest potential suppliers to manufacture this special mattress but without success. Only one response was received to a number of invitations to tender. Tenders will be requested for subsequent purchases and attempts will continue to interest other qualified manufacturers to bid.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—CONTRACT FOR FIRE
EXTINGUISHING FOAM

Question No. 1,972—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded by the Department of Supply and Services on June 18, 1974 to Laurentian Concentrates Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario for 118,570 gallons of liquid concentrate fire extinguishing foam at a cost of \$513,498?

2. Was the contract put to tender?

3. What were the names of other companies tendering and what were the bids received?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as DSS is concerned: 1. Yes, except the date of contract was June 3, 1974; the news release was dated June 18, 1974.