

## INCREASE IN CIVILIAN POSITIONS CFB GAGETOWN

Question No. 4,844—**Mr. Howie:**

Within the current fiscal year, have any permanent civilian positions been (a) added (b) deleted from the organization at CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick and, if so, how many?

**Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Minister of National Defence):**  
(a) and (b) No.

## DECREASE IN CIVILIAN POSITIONS CFB GAGETOWN

Question No. 4,845—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Are there any permanent civilian positions at CFB Gagetown being deleted from the organization within the next year and, if so, how many?

2. What would be the total annual payment in salaries for these positions in the next year, if they had been maintained?

**Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Minister of National Defence):**  
1. No. 2. Not applicable.

## DND—STUDY OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS IN ANIMALS

Question No. 4,865—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. Is the Defence Research Board spending \$83,148 to study the fate of certain chemicals in rats, dogs and swine and, if so, for what reason?

2. Are the chemicals already in the rats, dogs and swine and (a) if so, how did they get there (b) if not, how is it planned to get them there and for what purpose?

**Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Minister of National Defence):**  
1. Yes. The Department of National Defence has given a contract for \$83,148 to McGill University to carry out metabolic studies on the oxime HI-6 using mice, rats and swine.

2. The oxime HI-6 is almost the only compound discovered to date that shows promise for use in the treatment of the refractory nerve agent SOMAN as well as other nerve agent poisoning. The compound will be administered via intermuscular injection at doses approximating the therapeutic level. The intent is to prove that when HI-6 is metabolized no undesirable side effects are produced. No toxic or incapacitative effects are anticipated.

## DUTIES AND TAXES ON CLOSED-CAPTIONING DECODERS

Question No. 4,871—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. Is there an import duty on closed-captioning decoders coming into Canada and, if so, what is the rate of duty?

2. Is there federal sales tax on closed-captioning decoders and, if so, what is the rate of tax?

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** 1. Tariff item 48200-1 provides for "closed-captioning devices for attachment to television receiving sets", free of duty under all tariffs.

2. Closed-captioning decoders are subject to federal sales tax at the rate of 9 per cent. This tax is imposed on the manufacturer's sale price if the goods are manufactured in Canada or on the duty paid value if the goods are imported.

## Order Paper Questions

## FOREST RESEARCH CENTRE, VICTORIA, B.C.

Question No. 4,905—**Mr. Miller:**

1. Did the Minister of State for Economic Development receive communication from the Council of the City of Port Alberni, British Columbia, on May 3, 1983 or thereabouts requesting consideration of their city as a viable site for the proposed Forest Research Centre for Vancouver Island and, if so, was this request given due consideration in choosing a site for this facility?

2. Was the dire economic plight and traditional affiliation with the forest industry of such areas as Port Alberni given due consideration in the choice of location for the proposed expansion of forest research facilities on Vancouver Island?

**Mr. Jim Peterson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology):** In so far as the Ministry of State for Economic Development is concerned:

1 and 2. A telegram was received April 28, 1983; a reply acknowledging its receipt was forwarded May 5. No specific location needed to be considered as this project of \$14 million to be undertaken under the Special Recovery Projects Program is only to expand and upgrade the existing research facilities of the Canadian Forestry Service's Pacific Research Centre in Victoria.

## AID TO SRI LANKA

Question No. 4,957—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

1. In (a) 1976 (b) 1977 (c) 1978 (d) 1979 (e) 1980 (f) 1981 (g) 1982, what was the dollar value of aid given by the Government through the Canadian International Development Agency to Sri Lanka?

2. What major projects did Canada undertake through CIDA for and on behalf of Sri Lanka during this period?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. See tables below.

2. Major projects undertaken in Sri Lanka during the period 1976-1982 comprise the following:

(i) Rainfed Agriculture: A \$1.5 million grant to strengthen applied research and extension capability in the chena (shifting slash/burn/cultivation) area of the dryzone of Sri Lanka using Canadian technical assistance from Agriculture Canada. Duration is 1978-83.

(ii) Agriculture sector loan: A \$10 million loan to increase agricultural production through a line of credit to provide Canadian equipment, materiel, and commodities. It included a \$6 million allocation to the Mahaweli Irrigation and Land Settlement Scheme. Duration is 1977-83.

(iii) Maduru Oya reservoir complex: A loan of up to \$77.1 million to assist Sri Lanka in the construction by a consortium of Canadian contractors of a rock fill dam and transbasin link canal designed to store sufficient water to irrigate 50,000 hectares of land. Duration is 1980-83. Canadian engineering services are provided for design and construction supervision under a grant of \$8.5 million.

(iv) Project Preparation Units I and II: A grant of \$5.5 million to provide Sri Lanka with appropriate Canadian exper-