

Order Paper Questions

tractor possessing the combined capabilities needed to minimize technical and financial risk. This required experience with military problems and a composite knowledge of input-output analysis, computerized information systems and economics related to this subject.

TROPICAL PLANTS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Question No. 2,032—Mr. Masniuk:

1. (a) How much money is allocated annually for the installation and maintenance of tropical plants in all government buildings in the City of Ottawa (b) what is the breakdown for each department (i) yearly (ii) monthly, if this is not simply a twelve month average?

2. What is (a) the length of the contracts (b) how often and when are they normally tendered?

3. Who is eligible to tender for (a) new installations (b) maintenance contracts for existing installations?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): 1. (a) There is no annual allocation of money specifically for this purpose. However, in the fiscal year 1974-75 the Department of Public Works expended \$222,621 for the purchase and maintenance of plants in government buildings in the city of Ottawa. (b) (i) The breakdown of expenditures by the department for the fiscal year 1974-75 is as follows: Defence Research Board, \$798; Department of Public Works, \$1,546; Energy, Mines & Resources, \$42,959; External Affairs, \$655; Finance & Treasury Board, \$300; Industry, Trade & Commerce, \$375; Department of Insurance, \$3,600; Ministry of Transport, \$11,919; National Health & Welfare, \$60; National Research Council, \$8,555; National Revenue, \$45,994; House of Commons, \$755; Privy Council, \$1,280; Public Service Commission, \$12,369; Secretary of State, \$15; Science & Technology, \$613; Solicitor General, \$14,899; Statistics Canada, \$71,570; Supply & Services, \$3,159; Royal Canadian Mounted Police, \$1,200; Total \$222,621. (ii) Not applicable.

2. (a) Contracts for plant maintenance vary from one month to several years in length. (b) Maintenance contracts are tendered on an "as required basis".

3. (a) New installations of more than \$100 are purchased through the Department of Supply & Services. Installations up to \$100 are acquired through local purchase order. (b) Maintenance contracts in excess of \$5,000 are publicly advertised and everyone is eligible to tender. Contracts under \$5,000 are awarded subsequent to invited tenders from firms judged to be capable of performing the work involved.

UIC—PROSECUTIONS UNDER REGULATION 146 OF UIC REGULATIONS

Question No. 2,121—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

1. In the Province of Quebec, how many employers were prosecuted under Clause 146 of the Unemployment Insurance Regulations in (a) 1973 (b) 1974?

2. How many of such prosecutions were successful?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Insofar as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. (a) in 1973, one prosecution; (b) in 1974, seven prosecutions; Total: eight prosecutions.

2. In the eight (8) cases, the accused employers were found guilty and fined as follows: one was fined, \$25.00;

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one was fined, \$50.00; two were fined \$100.00 each; two were fined \$300.00 each; two were fined \$500.00 each; Total: \$1,875.00.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION—PHYSICIANS DECISION

Question No. 2,153—Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):

Can a physician's decision be overruled by an officer of UIC and, if so, as of what date?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes. However, the decision is appealable to a board of referees and in certain cases to an umpire who is a judge of the Federal Court.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION—CLAIMANT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Question No. 2,158—Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):

1. Has UIC discontinued the Claimants Assistance Programme as provided for in section 106 of the Act and, if so (a) on what date (b) for what reason?

2. Has the Claimants Assistance Programme been replaced by the Special Interview Programme and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable.

2. No.

SPRUCE BUDWORM SPRAYING—NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 2,268—Mr. Howie:

1. What areas of New Brunswick will be sprayed to prevent spruce budworm damage this year?

2. On what date will spraying take place and with what chemicals?

3. How much money will the government contribute to such spraying in New Brunswick?

Mr. Len Marchand (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): 1. Under the authority of the government of New Brunswick, approximately 6.5 million acres of fir-spruce forests mainly in central and northern New Brunswick will be sprayed in 1975 to prevent budworm damage.

2. The bulk of the spraying will be done in late May or early June depending on host tree development and weather. Materials to be used include Fenitrothion, Phosphamidon, Matacil and Dylox which have all been registered for use in Canada in 1975.

3. No funds for pest control assistance were included in the 1975-76 estimates. Future federal assistance to the provinces is now under review.

CRTC HIRING PRACTICES

Question No. 2,360—Mr. Brisco:

Since the Official Languages Act came into force on August 1, 1972 (a) how many Anglophones have been hired by CRTC and, how many (i) were fluently bilingual (ii) underwent French-language training (iii) completed French-language training (iv) passed the French-language test (b) how many Francophones have been hired by CRTC and,