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protection. It was not contrary to policy nor to the Navigable Waters Protection Act.

14. It is not the practice of the Crown to initiate action against itself.

15. This report is available to interested parties from the Department of the Environment.

GRANTS TO READER'S CLUB OF CANADA

Question No. 1,494—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Did the Reader's Club of Canada, 35 Britain St., Toronto, Ontario receive a financial grant from the (a) Department of the Secretary of State (b) Canada Council in (i) 1975 (ii) 1976 and, if so, in what amount?

2. What were the conditions under which such grants were made?

3. Is it government policy to give financial aid to private organizations and what was the rationale in giving such aid to the Reader's Club of Canada?

4. What was the purpose and aim of giving financial aid to the Reader's Club of Canada?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): Department of the Secretary of State: 1. (a) Nil.

2, 3 and 4. Not applicable.

Canada Council: 1. (b) (i) \$75,000. (ii) \$50,000.

2. The instalments were to be paid upon receipt of satisfactory financial and progress reports.

3. The majority of Canada Council programs exclude profit-making organizations. The Council however supports the translation and publication of Canadian books through grants to publishing houses. The Readers' Club of Canada was given aid under a new program, established in 1975 by the Secretary of State and administered by the Council, designed to encourage the promotion and distribution of Canadian books and periodicals. It is the only Canadian-owned general interest book club in the English-language community and its purpose is to make Canadian books available to readers who might not otherwise hear about them or be able to acquire them.

4. The grants were awarded to enable the Readers' Club to carry out a promotion campaign in Canadian periodicals.

CANADA COUNCIL—SUBSIDIZATION OF THE "LIVRE D'ICI" TEAM

Question No. 1,740—**Mr. Laprise:**

Is the Canada Council subsidizing the *Livre d'ici* team and, if so (a) in what amount (b) for what period of time?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: Yes, under a new program, established in 1975 by the Secretary of State and administered by the Council, designed to encourage the promotion and distribution of Canadian books and periodicals. (a) and (b) \$88,000 to prepare and offer without charge, in 1975-76, to over one thousand newspapers a weekly information page on French language Canadian books; \$96,000 to continue this press campaign in 1976-77 and \$30,000 to prepare and distribute during this period a weekly radio information tape on French language Canadian books.

[Mr. Goodale.]

EMPLOYEE PENSION AND MEDICAL PLANS

Question No. 1,787—**Mr. Herbert:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,083, what is the estimated amount of monies contributed by (a) employees under the Public Service Staff Relations Act (b) public service employees not under the Public Service Staff Relations Act (c) members of the defence forces (d) members of the RCMP?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): In 1974-75 employees contributed the approximate amounts listed below to the various employee benefit plans, (a) Pension Plans (i) Employees under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$170,000,000; (ii) Public service employees not under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$11,900,000; (iii) Members of the defence forces, \$56,700,000; (iv) Members of the RCMP, \$11,900,000; Total, \$250,500,000. (b) Death Benefit Plans: (i) Public Service Death Benefit Account, \$15,200,000; (ii) Regular Forces Death Benefit Account, \$2,800,000; Total \$18,000,000. (c) Canada and Quebec Pension Plans (i) employees under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$33,500,000; (ii) public service employees not under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$2,500,000; (iii) members of the defence forces, \$8,800,000; (iv) members of the RCMP, \$1,500,000; Total \$46,300,000. Public Service Insurance The totals of employee contributions to the various insurance plans are not identified on a separate basis, since by the very nature of such plans, the accumulation of those contributions on an individual employee or plan basis is neither required nor necessary. The premium rate structures vary within each plan, and although the total employer contributions are identifiable by virtue of the fact that such expenditures must be charged to Treasury Board Vote 20, the employee contributions are remitted direct to the insurers, or provincial authorities. Subject to the above qualification, however, public service employee contributions to those plans have been estimated in the undermentioned approximate amounts for the year 1974-75. (d) Surgical-Medical and other Insurance Plans: (i) Employees under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$26,285,000; (ii) Public service employees not under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$4,825,000; (iii) Members of the defence forces, \$4,020,000; (iv) Members of the RCMP, \$776,000; Total \$35,906,000. (e) Unemployment Insurance (i) Employees under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$22,766,000; (ii) Public service employees not under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$4,303,000; (iii) Members of the defence forces, \$4,862,000; (iv) Members of the RCMP, \$972,000; Total \$32,903,000. (f) Hospital Insurance (Outside Canada) Plan (i) Employees under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$717,000; (ii) Public service employees not under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, \$134,000; (iii) Members of the defence forces, \$151,000; (iv) Members of the RCMP, \$2,500; Total \$1,004,500. (g) Health Insurance Plans for Employees Engaged Locally (Outside Canada), \$16,000.