

Approximate cost: \$328.

I am informed by the Department of National Defence as follows:

1. The Department of National Defence has no pecuniary relationship with any private real estate agents. All payments for real estate fees are made to military members as reimbursement for commissions paid to agents contracted by the individual members to sell their private residences.

a) The Department normally will not reimburse fees that are based on a rate of commission higher than the multiple listing rate recommended by the area real estate board;

b) rates vary between provinces and municipalities and because the Department does not deal directly with agents, no record of actual rates paid is maintained;

c) as rates are set by local area real estate boards for the general public, the Department does not keep track of the rates paid by base.

2. Because the Department does not deal directly with real estate agents, and Departmental information systems have not yet perfected the cost capturing of relocation expenses such as real estate fees to this level of detail, payments to individual agents are not tracked separately. As such, there is no practical way to determine an accurate dollar value of real estate fees reimbursed to members at CFB Kingston.

Question No. 88—**Ms. Clancy:**

In 1989, did the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada deny a request to have St. Mary's Cathedral in Halifax, N.S., declared a national historic building or a building of architectural significance and, if so, (a) what were the reasons for the refusal (b) how many other applications were made and refused?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 8 hours and 35 minutes

Approximate cost: \$154.

I am informed by the Department of the Environment as follows:

a) At its February 1989 meeting the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada (HSMBC) considered the possible national significance of St. Mary's Basilica in Halifax, N.S. It was the Board's recommendation that:

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While St. Mary's Basilica was undoubtedly of considerable regional importance given its place in the history of Catholicism in Nova Scotia, it was not prepared to recommend that the Cathedral was of national historic or architectural significance.

Further, the Board stated that it would be pleased to give further consideration to the possibility of erecting a plaque at the Basilica, should studies be presented to it in the future, on religious leaders in Canada or examining themes such as the emancipation of Nova Scotia Catholics, which indicated that such action was indeed warranted.

b) Other applications made and refused in 1989 include:

- 1) Naval and Military Establishments, Penetanguishene, Ont.
- 2) Old Brewery Bay (Leacock Residence), Orillia, Ont.
- 3) Kingston General Hospital, Kingston, Ont.
- 4) Pearse House, Scarborough, Ont.
- 5) Chalmers Wesley United Church, Quebec, Que.
- 6) Former Public Market, Sainte-Scholastique, Que.
- 7) Peake Buildings, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Question No. 91—**Mr. Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing):**

Has the government taken any steps to stop clearcut logging in Wood Buffalo National Park and, if so, what are they?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 9 hours and 5 minutes

Approximate cost: \$164.

I am informed by the Department of the Environment as follows:

The Canadian Parks Service has been negotiating with Canadian Forest Products Ltd. since January 1991 to seek an end to the legal logging operations in Wood Buffalo National Park. Progress continues to be made through these negotiations.

Commencing in January 1991, the Canadian Parks Service and Canadian Forest Products Ltd. agreed to new harvesting standards for the logging operations which better protect the natural ability of the forest to grow back after logging. These standards will apply to any future logging operations, if they should occur.