

Inquiries of the Ministry

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[English]

INDIAN HOUSING—SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 504—**Mr. Korchinski:**

1. In the past four years, how many houses were built in Saskatchewan for Indian families?
2. How many of these homes were in the constituency of Mackenzie?

Mr. Allen B. Sulatycky (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. 1,388.

2. 283.

TRACKING FACILITY AT POUCH COVE, NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 539—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. What is the estimated cost of the temporary tracking facility to be located near Pouch Cove, Newfoundland?
2. How much of the initial cost will be paid by Canada?
3. How much of the yearly operational cost will be paid by Canada?
4. Will the federal government through the National Research Council have any control over the facilities when installed?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): In so far as the National Research Council of Canada is concerned the answer is as follows: 1. \$248,156. For building and preparation of site.

2. Nil.

3. Nil.

4. No, but the station must comply with Department of Transport regulations concerning use of radio frequencies.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Question No. 149—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How many federal correctional institutions are there in Canada?
2. What are the names of the Wardens of each of these institutions, and how long have they been in their positions?
3. What, if any, are their professional qualifications?

Return tabled.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I had some questions for the Minister of National Health and Welfare, who I believe has the Prime Minister's permission to be here today. Perhaps he will be here a little

[Mr. Comtois.]

later, in which case I shall direct my questions to him then.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

ASSISTANCE TO JAMES BAY AREA INDIANS IN OPPOSING HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJECT—REQUESTS TO MINISTER BY DELEGATION

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have some questions for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development arising out of a report that he met with representatives of the Indian people of northern Quebec in connection with the James Bay development. Can the minister inform the House briefly what requests the delegation made to him and what his replies were?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, when I met the Indians of the province of Quebec on two occasions last week, they asked me to take part in the discussions with the Quebec authorities on the James Bay development; I told them I should be happy to do so. Since then I have been in touch with Quebec Premier Bourassa. We are to meet next Monday to discuss the situation and ensure that the Indians will be consulted on every aspect of the project that concerns them.

[English]

Mr. Lewis: Would the minister inform the House whether the delegation did not also speak to him about some court suits they have started and ask him for financial and other assistance with respect to these court actions?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, the Indians and Eskimos of northern Quebec told me that they had taken it upon themselves to bring legal action before the superior court so that it might give a ruling on the constitutionality of the act setting up the James Bay corporation. I told them our services were at their disposal but that the suit would have to be financed with the funds they have already received from us and other institutions.

[English]

Mr. Lewis: May I ask the minister whether he did, in fact, offer additional financial assistance or any legal assistance to the Indians and Eskimos in connection with these cases—

[Translation]

—or if they have funds available for use?

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, they asked me whether we could grant them more funds for research. I replied that we have the matter under review and that I believed we could help them a little more in this field.

[English]

Mr. Lewis: May I ask the minister whether the delegation indicated to him that they intend to proceed with these court cases or whether they were taking these actions simply as a symbol to dramatize their rights? If