

Questions

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT—DATA PROCESSING

Question No. 1,914—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development have data processing equipment (automatic) and, if so, for how long?
2. What was the initial cost of the equipment?

3. What yearly costs are anticipated for data processing in the department?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes, since January, 1968.

2. Nil, the equipment is on a lease basis.
3. \$152,500.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE—DATA PROCESSING

Question No. 1,916—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of National Revenue have data processing equipment (automatic) and, if so, for how long?
2. What was the initial cost of the equipment?
3. What yearly costs are anticipated for data processing in the Department?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): In so far as the Department of National Revenue, Taxation, is concerned:

1. Yes, since 1960.

2.	1960-65	1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Equipment Purchased	Not Available	150,110	—	—	1,422,000	621,345
Equipment Rented	Not Available	399,008	482,464	899,853	1,229,013	877,206
		549,118	482,464	899,853	2,651,013	1,498,551

3. 1970-71 anticipated rental of equipment \$744,460.

In so far as Customs and Excise is concerned.

1. Customs and Excise has no data processing equipment at the present time. Excise Tax has a contract with the I.B.M. service bureau for an automated information distribution service to licencees. The system has been in effect for two years and costs approximately ten thousand dollars per year.

2. N/A.

3. Anticipated yearly cost, based on program forecast, for a proposed data processing department is: 1970-71, \$156,000.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—USE OF COMPUTER

Question No. 1,918—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Finance have the use of a computer in its operations and, if so, to what extent is it utilized?

2. Is the computer programmed 24 hours per day, and, if not, for what reason?

[Mr. Basford.]

3. What is the number of hours planned for utilization of the computer?

4. What has been the annual cost of computer services for each year 1960 to 1970 inclusive?

5. How many programmes are in preparation for the computer at the present time and how will each affect the efficiency of the Department?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):

1. The Department of Finance uses a computer services bureau on a payment for service basis.

2. The computer service facilities are accessible at varying times but never used 24 hours per day. The services are used when needed so that computer operations are only charged for when the services are being used.

3. Utilization is estimated only in cost terms and the planned use in 1970-71 is expected to be about \$60,000.

4. 1960-61 to 1966-67, Nil; 1967-68, \$35,236.54; 1968-69, \$76,904.20; 1969-70, \$45,855.65.

5. None.