

Order Paper Questions

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LIP PROJECT No. H-4698

Question No. 1,630—**Mr. Latulippe:**

What were the reasons for the acceptance or refusal of LIP project No. H-4698?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Project No. H-4698 was rejected because the Department received a far greater number of applications than funds were available for. All applications were carefully assessed and many difficult decisions not to approve had to be made.

LIP PROJECT No. H-5420

Question No. 1,636—**Mr. Latulippe:**

What were the reasons for the acceptance or refusal of LIP project No. H-5420?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Project No. H-5420 was rejected because the Department received a far greater number of applications than funds were available for. All applications were carefully assessed and many difficult decisions not to approve had to be made.

LIP PROJECT No. H-5547

Question No. 1,637—**Mr. Latulippe:**

What were the reasons for the acceptance or refusal of LIP project No. H-5547?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Project No. H-5547 was rejected because the Department received a far greater number of applications than funds were available for. All applications were carefully assessed and many difficult decisions not to approve had to be made.

LIP PROJECT No. H-5641

Question No. 1,638—**Mr. Latulippe:**

What were the reasons for the acceptance or refusal of LIP project No. H-5641?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Project No. H-5641 was rejected because the Department received a far greater number of applications than funds were available for. All applications were carefully assessed and many difficult decisions not to approve had to be made.

LIP PROJECT No. H-5661

Question No. 1,639—**Mr. Latulippe:**

What were the reasons for the acceptance or refusal of LIP project No. H-5661?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Project No. H-5661 was rejected because the Department received a far

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LIP PROJECT No. H-5766

Question No. 1,640—**Mr. Latulippe:**

What were the reasons for the acceptance or refusal of LIP project No. H-5766?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Project No. H-5766 was rejected because the Department received a far greater number of applications than funds were available for. All applications were carefully assessed and many difficult decisions not to approve had to be made.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Question No. 1,672—**Mr. Gillies:**

1. How many environmental studies are currently being undertaken as to present and potential problems posed by the construction of the all-weather MacKenzie Highway?

2. How many government-paid researchers are currently working on the environmental reports?

3. How much, in estimated dollars, will these reports cost?

4. What is the current estimated date of completion for the all-weather highway, and by what date will one-half of the highway be completed?

5. By what date will the environmental reports be made public?

6. Does the government intend to halt the construction of the all-weather MacKenzie Highway until the environmental reports have been made public?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. All environmental studies already published or in course of preparation within the MacKenzie Corridor provide information useful to the location and design of the MacKenzie Highway although many of the studies were commenced initially in anticipation of receipt of applications for a pipeline. On this basis 55 environmental studies as to present and potential problems in the MacKenzie Valley have already been published and 60 more are under way. A list of these reports was tabled with the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development on March 1, 1973. To supplement these studies and to apply their findings to the MacKenzie Highway the department commissioned an Environmental Overview Study which has been completed. The study is now being reviewed and as a result an additional ten to twelve in-depth studies are being considered. Three environmental consultants have also been awarded contracts to work as part of the highway design team over the next three years to provide environmental advice and monitor construction activities.

2. There are over 100 government-paid researchers currently working on the environmental reports.

3. Ten million dollars have been spent over the last two fiscal years and a further \$5 million will be spent this year on present and potential problems in the MacKenzie Valley.

4. There is no estimated date of completion. However, the 33-mile section south from Inuvik which will connect up eventually with the Dempster Highway should be com-