

Order Paper Questions

	(a) 1980-81	(b) 1981-82	(c) 1982-83
Crop Insurance Program	\$ 14,329	\$ 19,376	\$ 20,441
Agricultural Development Subsidiary Agreement II	274,512	225,664	184,014
Advance Payments for Crops Program	—	—	5,939
South East New Brunswick Program	—	—	3,596
Agricultural Stabilization Board	—	70,189	16,489
	\$288,841	\$315,229	\$230,479

ATTACHING CUSTOMER OWNED EQUIPMENT TO TELEPHONE NETWORK

Question No. 4,866—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. Is the Department of Communications considering requiring that customer-owned equipment attached to the telephone network be labeled as having been approved under Terminal Attachment Program Advisory Committee standards?
2. Is the Government considering a charge of \$1 per telephone for the use of the label and, if so, for what reason?
3. What amount per year might be derived from such a program and in what way would that amount be used?
4. Could such a program result in a cost of up to four or five dollars per telephone to consumers?

Hon. Francis Fox (Minister of Communications): In so far as the Department of Communications is concerned, the reply to the above question is as follows:

1. Customer-owned equipment approved under the Terminal Attachment Program Advisory Committee standards requires a DOC label under the Terminal Attachment Program of the Department. This program commenced April, 1976.
 2. A fee of \$1 per label for terminal equipment has been in effect since April 1976 to recover a portion of the costs of the Terminal Attachment Program. Under the CRTC Telecom Decision 82-14 of November 23, 1982 all telephone sets manufactured after June 1, 1983 will have to be DOC certified and bear a DOC label. In view of the increased volume of the telephone sets which will have to bear DOC labels, the label fee applicable to telephone sets has been reduced to 20 cents effective May 30, 1983.
 3. The total revenues from the Terminal Attachment Program approximate \$300,000 per year. These revenues are intended to cover costs for the services of technical assessment, testing certification and labels for manufacturers and suppliers of terminal equipment attached to the telephone networks of federally regulated carriers.
 4. The cost to the manufacturers will be 20 cents per label for telephone sets.
- Any additional cost to the manufacturer is the cost associated with attaching the label to the telephone which is estimated to be negligible, with efficient organization and application procedures. The final cost to the consumer is an all inclusive

one which will depend on production volumes and market forces.

CLOSED-CAPTIONED PROGRAMMING

Question No. 4,868—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. How many hours of closed-captioned programming will be (a) produced (b) exhibited by the (i) French (ii) English language service of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation?
2. Is the CBC employing Canadian or foreign technology for its closed-captioning?
3. Is the CBC employing Telidon technology for its closed-captioning and (a) if so, what equipment is being used (b) if not, for what reason?
4. How many machines for the insertion of closed-captioning in the broadcast signal does the CBC own?
5. When the CBC has programming closed-captioned, does it do the work itself or does it contract to have the work done by others and, if by others, by whom is the work done?
6. What amount will the CBC spend in the fiscal year 1983-84 on closed-captioning for (a) purchasing programs (b) captioning programs (c) other related expenses?
7. Does the CBC have any plans to close-caption (a) its news and public affairs programs (b) House of Commons broadcasts and, if so, what are such plans?
8. Does the CBC plan to take new initiatives in 1983 to provide programming for the hearing impaired and, if so, what are such initiatives?
9. Does the CBC feel it has a special responsibility to provide programs to the hearing impaired?

Hon. Francis Fox (Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

1. (a) and (b) Approximately 250 hours of Canadian closed captioned programming in each language will be broadcast annually by the CBC. The captions for these CBC and other Canadian-produced programs will be prepared by the Canadian Captioning Development Agency (CCDA). U.S. programs scheduled for telecast on the CBC English network will also be presented with closed captions when accompanying captioning is available from the U.S. supplier.
2. The CBC has been using technology developed in the United States for inserting captions in Line 21 of the vertical blanking interval of the television signal. Encoding equipment for this purpose was installed to enable captioning of Canadian programs to become a reality in Canada in 1981, the International Year of Disabled Persons. American-made encoders were purchased since, at that time, there were no Canadian-made encoders compatible with the Sears TeleCaption Adapter, which was the only available decoder. The CBC is now acquiring Canadian encoding equipment which has since been developed. It will enable captions to be decoded in the home with the same decoding device. This Canadian equipment is designed to complement that used by the Canadian Captioning Development Agency (CCDA).
3. The CBC intends to transcode its existing Line 21 captions to Lines 15 and 16 to make captioning an integral part of its Project IRIS teletext service, which employs Telidon technology. The Canadian equipment mentioned in No. 2 above is being ordered from a leading manufacturer of Telidon products for the insertion of CCDA captions on Line 21 and it