

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONTRACTS

Question No. 702—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, how many contracts were let by the Department of Employment and Immigration for professional services, to persons who at any time within the past five years, had been employed in indeterminate positions under the Public Service Commission?
2. How many contracts were (a) for less than one year (b) for one to two years (c) over two years?
3. How many contracts were let outside the National Capital Region?
4. What was the total cost of all such contracts?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. Fifteen.

2. (a) twelve
(b) one
(c) two
3. Eight.
4. \$97,780.98.

NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE CONTRACTS

Question No. 704—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, how many contracts were let by the Department of National Health and Welfare for professional services, to persons who at any time within the past five years, had been employed in indeterminate positions under the Public Service Commission?
2. How many contracts were (a) for less than one year (b) for one to two years (c) over two years?
3. How many contracts were let outside the National Capital Region?
4. What was the total cost of all such contracts?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, eleven contracts were let for professional services, to persons who within the past five years, had been employed in indeterminate positions under the Public Service Commission.

2. Contract (a) less than one year—five
(b) for one to two years—six
(c) over two years—none
3. The number of contracts let outside the National Capital Region was four.
4. Total cost of such contracts—\$112,282.

MR. DOUGLAS COOPER

Question No. 726—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is, or was, Douglas Cooper a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and, if so (a) what ranks has he held and what is his present rank (b) where is he stationed at the present time and how long has he been there (c) what are his duties (d) did he at any time testify at the McDonald Commission and, if so (i) was it *in camera* (ii) was it in public (iii) on what date?
2. Was Douglas Cooper associated with a group known as the National Criminal Investigation Bureau and, if so (a) what were the duties of this bureau (b) was he its head (c) did it ever make investigations of politicians or high ranking public servants and, if so, who authorized the investigations?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): 1. Yes.

- (a) Constable, corporal, sergeant, staff sergeant, sub-inspector and present rank is inspector.

(b) Ottawa; 3 years, 8 months.

(c) Officer in charge security systems branch, protective policing directorate, RCMP "HQ" division.

(d) No.

(i to iii) Not applicable.

2. No.

(a, b, and c) Not applicable.

CN HOTELS DIVISION

Question No. 733—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. With reference to the Canadian National Railways annual report for 1979 and with particular reference to the detailed report of the CN hotels division, is the division losing an increasing amount of money every year and, if so, considering that there are many other private hotel chains, could the corporation state what rationale they have for continuing in the hotel business?
2. Has the corporation made any projections as to the effect on its earnings of the selling of the hotels division to the private sector and, if so, what are the details of such plans?
3. What is the total market value of all property held by the division?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Management of Canadian National Railways advises as follows:

1. The apparent worsening of financing results in 1979 reflected in part write-offs associated with the sale of the Hotel Fort Garry, computer system development costs and disposals of obsolete equipment. Exclusive of these non-recurring items, hotel income for 1979 would show a reasonable improvement. While profits dropped significantly in 1976 and 1977 (due principally to an over-supply of hotel accommodation in Vancouver and Montreal), the recent record of CN hotels is generally good and prospects for a stronger financial performance are good.
2. No projections have been made recently as to the effect of disposing of the total hotel interests to the private sector. Corporate planning contemplates that CN will remain in the hotel business and that first-class standards of accommodation can be maintained with an acceptable rate of return.
3. There has been no over-all appraisal of the market values of the hotel properties. The book value at the end of 1979 was \$67 million.

In the final analysis, the market value will reflect annual cash flows and the potential for capital appreciation. On that basis, the market value of the properties held by the division will be significantly higher than the book value mentioned.

FUNDY NATIONAL PARK—BILINGUALISM

Question No. 737—**Mr. Corbett:**

1. Have any persons lost their jobs for not being bilingual in Fundy National Park since it opened and, if so (a) how many (b) what positions did they hold?