

## Questions

[English]

## INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT—RETENTION OF PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRMS

Question No. 1,930—**Mr. Sulatycky:**

1. Has the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development retained or employed from time-to-time, from outside its own permanent employees, any public relations firm or person, or any advertising firm or person for any purpose in the past five years and, if so, for what purpose?

2. What are the names of such firms or persons so employed in the past two years?

3. What was the total expenditure made for the service of such persons or firms in each of the past five years?

**Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** 1. Yes. To advise the Department on matters pertaining to public relations and to organize new information programs as required.

2. Williams and Wilson Ltd., Berger, Tisdall, Clark and Leslie, Ltd., Paul Phelan and Perry Ltd., Steiner Public Relations Ltd., Jacques Guay Associates, Crockett Writers Ltd., Profile, Ltd., and Desroches, Jasmin and Associates Inc.

3. 1965-66, \$14,839; 1966-67, \$37,970; 1967-68, \$83,340; 1968-69, \$48,555.55; 1969-70, \$71,079.57.

## AGRICULTURE—COST OF REPORT "CANADIAN AGRICULTURE IN THE SEVENTIES"

Question No. 1,941—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. What were the total costs for the compilation and preparation of the report entitled "Canadian Agriculture in the Seventies"?

2. What were the total costs of printing the report?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):**

1. The total cost of the Federal Task Force on Agriculture to March 31, 1970 was \$622,979. Additional cost of preparing the report for printing is estimated to be \$12,274.

2. Total cost of printing the report is estimated to be \$26,900.

## DECLARATION OF HOLDINGS OF DEPUTY MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES

Question No. 1,957—**Mr. Aiken:**

1. Did the government require Mr. Jack Austin to declare his holdings in resource based companies upon his appointment as Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources?

2. If so, has he been requested to dispose of such stock absolutely or place them in trust?

[Mr. Pepin.]

3. What previous federal employment has Mr. Austin had (a) what was its nature (b) for what periods?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** 1. On his own initiative, Mr. Jack Austin, prior to his appointment as Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, outlined his holdings in resource based companies.

2. On his own initiative, Mr. Austin, prior to commencing his present duties, had disposed of all his interests and those of his family in resource based companies to a Trust, with full power to the Trustees to sell any of the assets of the Trust absolutely upon such terms as the Trustees think fit. For the period of his appointment as Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Trustees have a positive obligation not to disclose to Mr. Austin the assets of the Trust or the nature of any transaction relating to such assets.

3. Mr. Austin was Executive Assistant to the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources from May 15, 1963, to September 24, 1965.

## USE OF COMPUTERS IN PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE

Question No. 1,981—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Privy Council Office 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?

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 said office?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** 1, 2 and 3. The Privy Council Office does not use a computer in its day to day operation. However, a text editing service is provided to the Secretariat of the Constitutional Conference by the Computer Services Bureau (Department of Supply and Services) through a typewriter terminal in the Conference Centre.

4. The terminal was installed in December 1969 and the annual rental is \$6,852.

5. Nil.

## \*SASKATCHEWAN—SECOND NATIONAL PARK

Question No. 2,006—**Mr. Southam:**

Has an agreement been reached with the Saskatchewan Government for a second National Park