

Questions

Saskatchewan has advised it does not intend to use its allocation of \$5,000,000. Ontario has announced its intention to borrow its allocation of \$17,000,000 for distribution on a loan basis to its municipalities, but no application has yet been received. Actual loan disbursements to date total \$21,800,000, all to the Province of Quebec.

2. The additional direct employment being created has been estimated on the basis of information received from the provinces as follows:

	Man-Years
Newfoundland	774
Prince Edward Island	98
Nova Scotia	477
New Brunswick	286
Quebec	6,515
Manitoba	575
Alberta	864
British Columbia	2,661
Total	12,250

It is also estimated that the indirect employment being created nationally from the purchase of materials, equipment, supplies and engineering services will total about 16,900 for a direct and indirect employment effect of 29,150 man-years. No estimates are available as to subsequent employment multiplier effects.

3. None.

FORMER EMPLOYEES OF G. LAPALME LTD.

Question No. 936—Mr. McBride:

1. Is the privilege of parking on Parliament Hill extended to every citizen or group of citizens and, if not, for what reason has such privilege been extended to former Lapalme employees?

2. Has the Government of Canada at any time offered employment to those former employees of G. Lapalme Limited and, if so, on how many occasions?

3. Has the government or any officer of the government met with those employees in order to make a fair presentation of the government position with respect to their grievance in relation to direction given them by their union officials?

4. Is it the government's intention to assign a specialist in communications to assure that these men understand what action the Government of Canada has taken to secure their employment?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. This matter is the responsibility of the Speaker of the House of Commons and inquiries should be directed to him privately.

2. Yes, twice.

3. Yes, the Hon. Charles Mills Drury on April 14, 1970.

4. No.

WYNYARD, SASK.—PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT

Question No. 997—Mr. Burton:

1. Did the Town of Wynyard submit an application for a public housing project under Section 35(a) of the National Housing

[Mr. Benson.]

Act and, if so (a) on what date (b) how many housing units were requested in the application (c) what was the estimated cost of the project?

2. Was the project approved by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and, if so, on what date?

3. On what date was participation in the project approved by the Government of Saskatchewan and on what date was this approval communicated to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation?

4. On what date was the Town of Wynyard informed of the approval for the project and who communicated this information?

5. What is the estimated cost to each governmental authority involved?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): 1(a)(b). The Town of Wynyard made application to the Province of Saskatchewan in 1969 for the investigation of a 38-unit public housing project under Section 35A of the National Housing Act. The Province requested approval from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation in September, 1969. A study was then undertaken by the Province to determine the relationship of the communities of the area. This study was completed and on October 20, 1970, the Committee of the Partnership agreed to a recommendation for the construction of 10 units, subject to the concurrence of the Provincial Minister. (c) Cost did not form a part of the application at this stage.

2. On September 16, 1969, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation approved an investigation to determine the need for a housing project.

3. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, on behalf of the Province of Saskatchewan, approved construction of 10 housing units, and this approval was received by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation on February 12, 1971.

4. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, on behalf of the Province of Saskatchewan, advised the Town of Wynyard on February 10, 1971, of the approval of a 10-unit project.

5. The estimated costs are not yet known. A technical committee made up of representatives of the three levels of government are selecting serviced lots for the project and, when negotiations are completed and the sites determined, an estimate of costs will be prepared.

PUBLIC SERVICE—INTRODUCTION OF FOUR-DAY WEEK

Question No. 1,088—Mr. Yewchuk:

1. Prior to the expenditure guidelines which reduced or froze positions in the Public Service, did the government consider, as an alternative policy, the introduction of the four-day work-week?

2. Has the government calculated the possible cost to the country if a four-day work-week were introduced in the Public Service and, if so, how many employees in the Public Service would not have been dismissed or positions frozen?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1. No. Collective agreements with employees provide