

## Questions

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. The Department does not have its own computer but uses the services provided

by the Department of Supply and Services and to a lesser extent private service bureaux.

2, 3 and 5. Not applicable.

4. Fiscal year	Data processing services	Computer rentals	Total
1967-68	—	\$ 550.92	\$ 550.92
1968-69	\$ 47,823.74	210.27	48,034.01
1969-70	123,103.12	19,823.22	142,926.34

Note: No data available prior to 1967-68.

PROHIBITION OF ENTRY OF BOOKS  
INTO CANADA

Question No. 1,979—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How many books, pamphlets, etc., have been prohibited from entering Canada in each of the past five years under Item 99201-1, Schedule C of the Custom Tariff Act on the grounds that they are of a treasonable or seditious nature?

2. How many books, pamphlets, etc., have been prohibited from entering Canada in each of the past five years under Item 99201-1, Schedule C of the Custom Tariff Act on the grounds that they are of an immoral or indecent character?

3. What official or officials in the Department of National Revenue or what experts outside of the Department make the decisions prohibiting entry of the above-mentioned items?

4. What procedures have been established for appeals by individuals or organizations who feel that the decisions of the Department are unfair or improper?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue):** 1. 1969, two importations; 1968, Nil; 1967; one importation; 1966-1965: information not available.

2. 1969, 2,530 importations; 1968, 518 importations; 1967, 115 importations; 1966-1965: information not available.

3. Decisions can only be made by officials of Customs and Excise. These decisions are first made by senior executives and on appeal by the Deputy Minister, and on further appeal by the Courts.

4. Appeal procedures are set out in Sections 43 and 46A of the Customs Act, R.S.C. 1952, c. 58, as amended.

USE OF COMPUTER, DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Question No. 1,980—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Labour 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 Department?

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour):**

1. Yes. A U9200 computer, for use as a terminal, was installed May 22, 1970, and operational June 8, 1970. At present, operator training is being carried out and existing programs modified for production via the terminal. When the terminal is not required, the U9200 will be used to perform listings, tabulation and simple card programmes.

2. No. Present programmed requirements do not warrant a 24 hour schedule.

3. For 1970-71, planned utilization is 8 hours per day. Given an anticipated increase in workload, a second shift is being considered for 1971-72.

4. Annual cost of computer services 1960 to 1970 inclusive

Fiscal Year	Amount
1959-60	\$ 52
1960-61	2,278
1961-62	3,382
1962-63	3,588
1963-64	16,900
1964-65	16,198
1965-66	22,629
1966-67	18,056
1967-68	40,133
1968-69	57,455
1969-70	156,920

5. One hundred and four programs are in preparation. These are designed to supply data not now easily accessible, but required to meet approved program needs of the department. As these programs are in preparation stage, it is not possible at this time to estimate their final impact on the efficiency of the department.