

## Questions

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5. What is the average or customary time which elapses between receipt of an application and its preliminary acknowledgement on Form CCA-403?

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7. Has the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs given any consideration to procedures or systems of expediting the processing of applications for trademarks and, if so, what plans have been made or are in preparation?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** 1. Fiscal year 1967-68, 8,595; fiscal year 1968-69, 9,351; fiscal year 1969-70, 10,713.

2. Registrations issued: in fiscal year 1967-68, 6,462; in fiscal year 1968-69, 5,976; in fiscal year 1969-70, 6,643. Statistics are not kept in respect of the disposition of the applications filed in a given calendar year, nor in respect of applications refused, pending, withdrawn or otherwise disposed of.

3. The waiting period between the filing of an application and its examination is, in the case of proposed trade marks, approximately three months, and in the case of trade marks which have been in use, approximately six months. Applications are examined in order of filing date.

4. A waiting period between filing and examination is unavoidable in many cases in view of the statutory provisions whereby Canada's obligations under the International Agreement are implemented. This permits filing of additional or supporting documents after the filing date of the application. Moreover there is a continuing increase in the number of applications filed annually.

5. The time which elapses between the receipt of an application and preliminary acknowledgement varies from ten days to two weeks.

6. The time between receipt and acknowledgement of applications depends in part on the volume received daily. When applications are received in the Department verification of moneys received must be made before transfer of the applications to the Branch Registry and thence to the Application Processing Unit of the Trade Marks Office for indexing and issuance of the filing certificate.

7. Yes. Following a management study, new positions have been established; improved

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staff training and development program are in force; and new equipment designed to speed processing operations has been obtained.

## OTTAWA—GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSE

## Question No. 1,676—Mr. Rynard:

1. What are the names, duties and wages of any permanent staff employed at 7 Rideau Gate?

2. What were the total estimated expenditures in connection with 7 Rideau Gate during 1969?

3. What sum does the federal government pay to the City of Ottawa as municipal taxes in respect to 7 Rideau Gate, or as grant in lieu of taxes?

4. How many official guests were accommodated overnight at 7 Rideau Gate during 1969?

5. For how many person-nights was the bedroom accommodation at 7 Rideau Gate used by official guests during 1969?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. Mrs. G. J. Blair, hostess, \$10,873 per annum. Miss Catherine Gourlay, housekeeper, \$2.77 an hour. Mr. R. J. Roy, steward, \$3.57 an hour. Mr. J. White, chef, \$3.42 an hour.

2. \$9,830.84, not including salaries.

3. \$4,901, City of Ottawa. \$71.75, fire protection service charge paid to Regional Government.

4. Sixty-six.

5. 137 (in addition a total of 1,936 guests attended official luncheons, dinners and receptions).

## AFRICA—POSTING OF FRENCH-SPEAKING TEACHERS

## Question No. 1,725—Mr. Gleave:

With respect to the posting of 450 French-speaking teachers to Africa from the Province of Quebec, will any part of the expenses or salaries of those teachers be paid by the federal government and, if so (a) how much (b) which department of government is responsible (c) what are the qualifications required (d) what annual salaries are such teachers to receive?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** With respect to the posting of 450 French-speaking teachers to Africa from the Province of Quebec, who are taken under contract by the Canadian International Development Agency, all expenses and salaries will be paid by the federal government except for housing which is normally provided by the host governments concerned. (a) The global amount involved for the academic year 1970-1971 will be approximately \$9,000,000. (b) Responsibility for this program rests with the Canadian International Development Agency.