

Order Paper Questions

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ENVIRONMENT—LOSS OF EQUIPMENT

Question No. 712—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. With reference to the uninsured losses of more than \$1,000 of equipment recorded by the Department of the Environment in footnote number 5 at page 12.62, volume I of the 1978-79 Public Accounts of Canada, under what circumstances were the magnetic tapes transport lost and (a) who was culpable (b) was the equipment replaced (c) did the department undertake steps to ensure that such a loss does not recur and, if so, what were they?

2. What use does the department make of magnetic tape transport?

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment): 1. Theft during 1977/78 fiscal year at the Chemical Control Research Institute, 25 Pickering Place, Ottawa, Ontario.

(a) The Ottawa Police apprehended two individuals in connection with the thefts. All records are confidential but can be obtained by legal officials.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes. The thefts occurred in the Chemical Control Research Institute located in the Dustbane building, Ottawa. The security at the Dustbane building was adequately handled, but the building was not burglar proof and was easily accessible by thieves as stated in the police report showing how entries were made into the building, i.e. through the ceiling, over walls, etc. The Chemical Control Research Institute now known as the Forest Pest Management Institute is, now, located in a departmentally-owned facility at Sault Ste Marie. The new location provides for better measures of security.

2. Used to carry magnetic tape for the storage of data and information. The one referred to in this text was used in conducting forest pest control research.

ENVIRONMENT—LOSS OF PEN RECORDER

Question No. 713—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. With reference to the uninsured losses of more than \$1,000 of equipment recorded by the Department of the Environment in footnote number 5 at page 12.62, volume I of the 1978-79 Public Accounts of Canada (a) what is a recorder pen and how is it used by the department (b) did the department undertake steps to ascertain the present whereabouts of the equipment and, if so, what were they (c) was the thief apprehended (d) in what location did the loss occur?

2. Did the department undertake steps to ensure that such a loss does not recur and, if so, what were they?

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment):

1. (a) This should read "pen recorder". A pen recorder is an instrument attached to a computer or other analytical piece of equipment which prints or writes data from the analyses being carried out by the instrument or computer. The one referred to in this text was used in conducting forest pest control research.

(b) Yes, the Chemical Control Research Institute contacted the police, who conducted an investigation and police reports are on file.

(c) Yes.

(d) The loss occurred at the Chemical Control Research Institute, 25 Pickering Place, Ottawa, Ontario.

2. Yes. The thefts occurred in the Chemical Control Research Institute located in the Dustbane building, Ottawa. The security at the Dustbane building was adequately handled, but the building was not burglar proof and was easily accessible by thieves as stated in the police report showing how entries were made into the building, i.e. through the ceiling, over walls, etc. The Chemical Control Research Institute now known as the Forest Pest Management Institute is, now, located in a departmentally-owned facility at Sault Ste Marie. The new location provides for better measures of security.

ENVIRONMENT—LOSS OF SPECTROPHOTOMETER

Question No. 714—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. With reference to the uninsured losses of more than \$1,000 of equipment recorded by the Department of the Environment in footnote number 5 at page 12.62, volume I of the 1978-79 Public Accounts of Canada (a) what is a spectrophotometer and how is it used by the department (b) did the department undertake steps to ascertain the present whereabouts of the equipment and, if so, what were they (c) was the thief apprehended (d) in what location did the loss occur?

2. Did the department undertake steps to ensure that such a loss does not recur and, if so, what were they?

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment):

1. (a) A spectrophotometer is an analytical instrument for colorimetric quantitative analyses of chemical compounds. The one referred to in this text was used in conducting forest pest control research.

(b) Yes, the Chemical Control Research Institute contacted the police who conducted an investigation and police reports are on file.

(c) Yes.

(d) The loss occurred at the Chemical Control Research Institute in 1977/78 at 25 Pickering Place, Ottawa, Ontario.

2. Yes. The thefts occurred in the Chemical Control Research Institute located in the Dustbane building, Ottawa.