

Order Paper Questions

AGRICULTURE RESEARCH STATION, FREDERICTON—RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Question No. 1,477—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Are any specific research activities taking place at the Agricultural Research Station at Fredericton, New Brunswick under the heading of Horticulture and, if so, what are they?

2. (a) What research, if any, is being conducted in New Brunswick regarding the development of strains of grain adaptable to local growing conditions (b) what is the budget for this research (c) in what location is it being conducted?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. In 1976-77 the following programs are included: (a) Potato production, 17.7 man-years, \$1,427,000.; (b) Blueberry, 1.0 man-year, \$75,000.; (c) Tree fruit, 0.3 man-year, \$23,000.; (d) Environmental quality, 2.2 man-years, \$201,000.; Total, \$1,726,000.

2. (a) The Fredericton Research Station shares with other Stations a portion of the corn and cereal breeding program for Eastern Canada which amounts to 9.2 man-years and \$780,000., which places emphasis on breeding, cultivar evaluation, early seeding, winter hardiness and harvesting losses. (b) and (c) The 1976-77 budget for the corn and cereal breeding program at the Fredericton Research Station is: (a) Wheat, 0.1 man-year, \$9,000.; (b) Barley, 0.1 man-year, \$9,000.; (c) Oats, 0.1 man-year, \$9,000.; (d) Corn, 0.1 man-year, \$9,000.; (e) Problem soils, 1.0 man-year, \$73,000.; Total, \$109,000.

ESTIMATED SAVING IN ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS BY INCORPORATING MAXIMUM GIS WITH OAS PAYMENTS

Question No. 1,511—**Mr. Herbert:**

Has the government considered incorporating the present maximum supplement to the old age security payments as a total universal payment and, if so, what is the estimated saving in administrative costs?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No. However, if maximum Guaranteed Income Supplement payments were incorporated with all Old Age Security as a universal payment, there would be an annual saving of approximately \$10 million in administrative costs, and an increased cost in payments of about \$1.3 billion.

FISHERIES IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT—LOANS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 1,561—**Mr. Marshall:**

By constituency, between April 1 and September 30, 1976, what is the breakdown of the loans made in Newfoundland under the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act?

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): The requested data is not maintained by electoral district but only by province, by lender, and by purpose, for the following reasons: (i) Loans are made by banks to customers who may not live in the same constituency as the bank. (ii) Constituency boundaries change from time to time; thus comparative statistics cannot be maintained on a consistent basis.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Mr. Lang.]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for the production of papers No. 37 is acceptable to the government.

[Text]

COPIES OF MEMORANDA ISSUED BY CHIEF STATISTICIAN OF CANADA DEALING WITH PUBLIC SERVANTS' CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDELINES

Motion No. 37—**Mr. MacKay:**

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all memoranda issued by the Chief Statistician of Canada or other officials of Statistics Canada, dealing with the implementation of the Public Servants Conflict of Interest Guidelines (Canada Gazette, January 9, 1974).

[English]

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, notice of motion for the production of papers No. 67 is acceptable to the government subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents and to the authorization of the government authorities concerned.

[Text]

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL—VISIT OF SOVIET NEWS REPRESENTATIVES

Motion No. 67—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. In or about August 1975, did two men visit the offices of Radio Canada International in Montreal to discuss the content of programming to the Soviet Union by the CBC (a) did they represent a Soviet news service or any other Soviet organization and, if so, which one (b) did they introduce themselves as representing APN (c) who are the individuals and their job designations with whom these men met (d) what are the names of the visitors (e) was an attempt made by these visitors to persuade members of the Russian section of Radio Canada International to eliminate any political events or comments from coverage of the Canadian scene in Russian language broadcasts?

2. Was the Department of External Affairs aware of this visit prior to its taking place and (a) if so, on what date (b) if not, on what date did it become aware of the visit (c) did the Department take any action on the matter (i) if so, what (ii) if not, for what reason?

[English]

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call notice of motion for the production of papers No. 36?

[Text]

COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF URANIUM REFINERY IN SASKATCHEWAN

Motion No. 36—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all documents relating to the establishment of a uranium refinery near Warman, Saskatchewan, or elsewhere in the Province of Saskatchewan, by Eldorado Nuclear Limited, and copies of any agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of Saskatchewan or their respective agencies.

[English]

Mr. Maurice Dupras (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Eldorado Nuclear Limited