

Questions

was to force compliance with the Act. Since 1965, when the Act was amended to provide for the dissolution of companies in default for three consecutive years, the rate of compliance has substantially improved. In 1967, 603 companies were dissolved under these new provisions, and, in 1968, 643. As of this date, 542 companies have been in default for two years and, unless they comply upon receipt of a notice of default to be sent shortly after June 1st, they will be dissolved.

AIRPORTS—FACTORS IN SELECTION OF ST. JEROME, QUE.

Question No. 1,920—Mr. Broadbent:

1. Did the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion agree to the selection of a new airport site at St. Jerome, Quebec, as announced by the Minister of Transport?

2. If so, what factors were taken into consideration by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion in the selection of that site with regards to the general problems of regional economic disparities in Quebec?

3. Was a cost-benefit study prepared with regard to the selection of the airport's site in the Province of Quebec and, if so, would the Minister Table the study?

4. If no cost-benefit study had been undertaken, why was the Treasury Board's P.O.B.S. not followed?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Expansion):

1. The selection of the site was made by the federal cabinet of which the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion is a member.

2. The factors taken into account, in assessing the effect of different locations in relation to economic disparities, were the

income multiplier, the employment multiplier and the spatial multiplier.

3. This economic assessment was contained in the Higgins report, which has been tabled. Both benefits and costs of alternative locations were compared.

4. Not applicable.

PLAINCLOTHES R.C.M.P. OFFICERS

Question No. 1,923—Mr. Robinson:

1. How many plain clothes RCMP Officers are located at (a) Ottawa Airport (b) Toronto Airport (c) Montreal Airport and what kind of work are they engaged in?

2. How many unmarked motor vehicles are used by the RCMP at/or about the airport at (a) Ottawa (b) Toronto (c) Montreal and how are they utilized?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):

1. (a), (b) and (c), Nil.

2. (a) and (c) Ottawa and Montreal Airport R.C.M. Police Detachments have no unmarked motor vehicles; (b) Toronto Airport R.C.M. Police Detachment has one unmarked motor vehicle.

PRE-DOCTORAL N.R.C. GRANTS

Question No. 1,927—Mr. Saltzman:

1. In the academic years 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, how many applications for predoctoral National Research Council grants were received?

2. In those years, how many were granted?

3. In those years, how many were turned down for lack of funds rather than lack of merit?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1 and 2. Predoctoral Awards:

	Applications			Awards		
	Renewals	New	Total	Renewals	New	Total
1965-66	331	1797	2128	315	839	1154
1966-67	473	2594	3067	473	1177	1650
1967-68	700	3004	3704	700	1480	2180
1968-69	931	2849	3780	931	1831	2762
1969-70	951	2780	3731	949	1713	2662
Total	3386	13024	16410	3368	7040	10408

The application figures for 1968-69 and 1969-70 are incomplete. In 1968 a new method of selection was introduced. Under the new selection procedures the applications of candidates currently attending a Canadian uni-

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versity are considered first by a special university committee and are placed in three categories, as follows: A list: Highly Recommended; B list: Recommended (in order of merit); C list: Not Recommended.