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URANIUM TRIOXIDE REFINERY

Question No. 2,435—**Mr. Blaikie:**

1. Did the Department of National Health and Welfare participate in the Atomic Energy Control Board Review of the proposed uranium trioxide refinery at Blind River and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, did the department confirm AECB's decision to give site approval for the refinery?

2. Was the proposal reviewed by the Radiation Protection Bureau of the Department and, if not, for what reason?

3. Is it government policy to grant site approvals in cases such as this without review by the radiation protection bureau?

Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1 and 2. The radiation protection bureau of the Department of National Health and Welfare reviewed the original proposal for a uranium hexafluoride refinery at Blind River. The views of the bureau were presented at public hearings. The bureau has reviewed the new proposal for a uranium trioxide refinery at Blind River. This review will be sent to the Atomic Energy Control Board in June 1981.

3. The Department of National Health and Welfare acts as the principal, though not exclusive, health adviser to the Atomic Energy Board. This is an advisory role to the board.

PURCHASE OF LANGUAGE TRAINING

Question No. 2,443—**Mr. Young:**

1. What is the base purchase of manpower seats in ESL (English as a second language) at George Brown College for 1981?

2. What are the supplementary purchases in ESL at the college?

3. What are the policies concerning sponsored immigrants and manpower training in ESL seats?

4. Was there a reduction in the number of seats purchased for 1981 in upgrading at the college?

5. Is there a change in policy of manpower retraining concerning upgrading and, if so, what is the change?

6. Is there an indication of the base and/or supplemental purchases in ESL for 1982?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. 500 for fiscal year 1981-82.

2. 60 as of May 12, 1981.

3. Second language courses are offered by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission to immigrants who need this kind of assistance to remove the employment barrier which impedes their job search efforts. Training allowances are paid only to immigrants in the "independent" category and to government-sponsored refugees who are either convention refugees, members of a designated class or holders of a minister's permit.

4. Yes: 37 less in academic upgrading courses for fiscal year 1981-82.

5. Since April 1, 1981, lower level upgrading courses (below grade 7) are no longer purchased by the commission. Trainees in educational upgrading courses must now be either 21 years of age or over, or have been away from school for at least two or three years according to the eligibility criteria that have been adopted in each province. More emphasis is now placed

on the usefulness of upgrading in a client's career development plan. The volume of higher level upgrading course purchases must be directly related to the number of planned training places in skill courses with a grade 11 or 12 prerequisite.

6. No. It is too soon to estimate purchases for fiscal year 1982-83.

MINISTER'S STAFF—CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Question No. 2,450—**Mr. Neil:**

How many personal staff members are employed by the Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board) and, in each case (a) what is his/her name, office location and salary (b) what are his/her duties?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Minister of State (Canadian Wheat Board) exempt staff on May 12 was as follows:

(a) and (b)

Albert Chambers, executive assistant, salary up to \$35,000

25th floor, Tower "C", Place de Ville

Paul Brettle, special assistant (press relations), salary up to \$30,000

25th floor, Tower "C", Place de Ville.

Bob Lyster, special assistant, salary up to \$30,000

suite 205, 222-13th Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan

Mrs. Gail Ladouceur, a/private secretary, salary up to \$23,000

room 185-S, The Senate

Mrs. Dorothy Donnelly, secretary, salary up to \$14,900
suite 205, 222-13th Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan

GRANTS TO SYDNEY STEEL CORPORATION

Question No. 2,452—**Mr. Murphy:**

1. What was the amount of grants that the government committed to the Sydney Steel Corporation (Sysco) for each year 1968 to date?

2. What was the amount of loans guaranteed or non-guaranteed granted to the corporation since 1968?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The reply for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows:

Amounts of grants committed to Sysco for each year 1968

(1) Amounts paid under the regional industrial incentives programs:

1972-73	\$ 2,015,025
1973-74	1,752,706
1974-75	941,933
1975-76	—
1976-77	765,950
1977-78	6,000,000
1978-79	245,999
	\$ 11,721,613