

Order Paper Questions

NATIONAL DEFENCE—LAYOFFS AT DOCKYARDS

Question No. 2,583—**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):**

1. How many casual employees in ship repair at HMC Dockyard (a) were laid off (b) left their employment voluntarily between March 26 and July 2, 1973 in (i) Esquimalt (ii) Halifax?
2. Have any of these employees benefitted or will they benefit from the retroactive pay rates set forth in the new collective agreement covering ship repair employees signed on July 18 in Ottawa with the Treasury Board and (a) if so, how many (b) if not, what explanation is offered for refusing to pay these employees at the new rates?
3. How many persons referred to in Part 1(a) and (b) were re-hired during the period March 26 and July 2 in (i) Esquimalt (ii) Halifax and were they paid eventually at the retroactive rates once the collective agreement already mentioned was concluded?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):

	Esquimalt	Halifax
1. (a)	7	NIL
(b)	10	NIL
2. (a)	5	NA

(b) seven of the total of twelve casual employees not in receipt of retroactive pay benefits are not eligible under the Retroactive Remuneration Regulations because they left the service voluntarily. The remaining five, who had less than six months employment, were laid off during the retroactive period. Their status, in terms of eligibility for the appropriate portion of the retroactive period, is currently under review.

3. Esquimalt, nil; Halifax, NA.

VISITS TO CANADA—FRENCH MILITARY PERSONNEL AND AIRCRAFT

Question No. 2,589—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. On or about Tuesday, July 24, 1973, were there present in Canada a significant number of French military personnel and two French military transport aircraft and, if so, for what purpose were they in Canada?
2. Did their presence in Canada have anything to do with French nuclear tests taking place in the South Pacific?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Sixteen Officers and 73 Officer Cadets from École de l'Air de France and the aircrew of two French DC 6 aircraft visited Canada on an educational tour from 18 July to 1 August, 1973. The itinerary included the following cities: 18-20 July, Ottawa and Toronto; 21 July, Niagara Falls (U.S.A.); 21-24 July, Calgary; 24-25 July, Vancouver; 25-26 July, Yellowknife; 26-28 July, Quebec City; 28-31 July, Montreal & Collège Militaire Royal de Saint-Jean; 31 July, Bagotville; 1 August, Departed Montreal for Azores.

2. No.

[Mr. Whelan.]

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF BILINGUAL DISTRICTS ABROAD

Question No. 2,590—**Mr. Scott:**

1. Has the government given any money to help establish bilingual districts in other nations, such as the State of Louisiana and, if so (a) how much (b) who authorized the giving of this money (c) was approval of the Government of the United States received before the grants were given?
2. Does the government plan to continue this program and, if so, to which countries will the government probably be making donations?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of the Secretary of State and the Department of External Affairs as follows: 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

PROPOSED OLYMPIC VILLAGE, MONTREAL

Question No. 2,604—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

1. (a) How much money has been expended for funding the proposed Olympic Village at Montreal (b) how much has been budgeted for future expenditures for this project?
2. How much has been paid toward the salary of the Olympic Commissioner?
3. How many government employees have been or will be seconded to COJO?
4. (a) How much has been paid toward the salaries of government employees, if any, seconded to COJO (b) how much has been budgeted for anticipated future service by federal employees so seconded?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of Treasury Board): 1. (a) None. (b) If the City of Montreal wishes to avail itself of the provisions of the National Housing Act, it is hoped that it may be accommodated within the scope of the existing NHA program and CHMC budgetary capacity for the period for which the request is received.

2. \$35,880 have been paid for the period from July, 1972 when the Commissioner-General joined COJO, to August 24, 1973.

3. No employee of the federal government other than Mr. C.O.R. Rousseau has yet been seconded to COJO. Approximately 25 man-years may be seconded for the period 1973 to 1976.

4. (a) Nothing other than the Commissioner-General's salary as noted in 2 above. (b) Seconded personnel will be provided under normal program funding. Total expenditure has been estimated to range up to \$750,000.

PURCHASE OF LAND—RIDEAU CANAL AND SMITHS FALLS AREA

Question No. 2,606—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Since 1957, has the government purchased any land adjacent to the Rideau Canal in the area of Smiths Falls, Ontario and, if so (a) what is the location of this land (b) on what date was the purchase made (c) from whom was the purchase made (d) what was the purchase price?

2. Did the government at any time plan to construct a building in the area of Smiths Falls, Ontario as a headquarters for the Rideau Canal system and, if so (a) was such information made public (b) on what date was this done?