

*Order Paper Questions*

6. As at March 31, 1975, the current working capital and the market value of investments of the National Harbours Board with respect to the Port of Montreal was \$41,276,550.

## UIC—SURVEYS CONDUCTED, KINGSTON, ONTARIO

Question No. 2,397—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Did the Unemployment Insurance Commission office in Kingston, Ontario recently conduct surveys or inquiries with recipients of unemployment insurance benefits to determine possible improvements that could be made in service and, specifically, were certain checks made on such things as the time taken for cheques to reach recipients in the mail from the cheque issuing office in Belleville and, if so (a) did the survey find evidence that some cheques take as long as two weeks to reach recipients serviced by the UIC office in Kingston from the issuing office in Belleville (b) what representations has the UIC office made or will it make to the Post Office Department about this type of service?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** The survey was undertaken by the Kingston office of its own volition with the view of improving service in the area. (a) In only one case did a cheque take two weeks to reach a recipient. (b) Discussions were held with Mr. Roy Wainwright, the Postmaster in Belleville, concerning the situation and remedial action has been taken.

## AIR CANADA—CONTRACT WITH IRVING OIL

Question No. 2,417—**Mr. Hogan:**

Was Irving Oil recently awarded a contract to supply fuel oil to Air Canada in the Atlantic Region and, if so (a) were tenders called (b) what companies tendered for the contract?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** The management of Air Canada advises as follows: Irving Oil Limited was awarded an Air Canada contract on April 7, 1975 for the supply of aviation turbine fuel in the airline's Atlantic Region. (a) Yes; (b) Imperial Oil Limited and Irving Oil Limited.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS—  
LANGUAGE TRAININGQuestion No. 2,559—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What are the total costs included in the 1975-76 Estimates of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs for language training?

2. How are such costs divided between (a) salaries of personnel receiving instruction (b) salaries of instructional staff (c) additional or supplementary services to be purchased from the Public Service Commission (d) other costs?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** 1. The total cost included in the 1975-76 Estimates for Consumer and Corporate Affairs for language training is \$550,400.00.

2. (a) Because of the different types of training involved, the number of people involved and the variations in salaries and length of time on training, it was not possible to estimate the cost of salaries of personnel receiving instruction. However, the figure of \$179,400.00 was approved by Treasury Board for salaries of personnel replacing those on continuous language training. (b) Sal-

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aries of instructional staff is \$371,000.00 Parts (c) and (d) of the question are included in (b).

DEPARTMENT OF MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION—  
LANGUAGE TRAININGQuestion No. 2,568—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What are the total costs included in the 1975-76 Estimates of the Department of Manpower and Immigration for language training?

2. How are such costs divided between (a) salaries of personnel receiving instruction (b) salaries of instructional staff (c) additional or supplementary services to be purchased from the Public Service Commission (d) other costs?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** In so far as the Department of Manpower and Immigration is concerned, the reply is: 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—LANGUAGE TRAINING

Question No. 2,581—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What are the total costs included in the 1975-76 Estimates of the Department of Transport for language training?

2. How are such costs divided between (a) salaries of personnel receiving instruction (b) salaries of instructional staff (c) additional or supplementary services to be purchased from the Public Service Commission (d) other costs?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):**  
1. \$2,728,000.

2. (a) Salaries of personnel receiving instruction, \$2,502,000; (b) Salaries of instructional staff, \$117,000; (c) Additional or supplementary services, nil; (d) Other costs, \$109,000.

## BUREAU OF PENSION ADVOCATES, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 2,591—**Mr. Brisco:**

1. In the Province of British Columbia, how many members are on the Board of Pension Advocates (a) who are they (b) in what location are sittings held for the review of veterans' pensions and applications (c) how often do they sit?

2. To whom is the Board responsible and to whom does it report?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** 1. The Bureau of Pensions Advocates is an agency established under Part II of the Pension Act to provide a counselling service, to assist veterans and their dependants in the preparation and submission of pension claims and to represent them at hearings before Entitlement Boards of the Canadian Pension Commission. In British Columbia there are six Pensions Advocates on the staff of the Bureau. (a) Vancouver Office: J. T. Bourke, LL.B., H. D. Colbourne, LL.B., S. M. Adams, C.D., B. Com., LL.B., W. G. Barker, B. Com., LL.B.; Victoria Office: R. N. Gourlie, D.F.C., B.A., LL.B., D. H. Harrison, C.D., LL.B. (b) During 1974-75 Entitlement Board sessions were held in British Columbia, at Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Kelowna. (c) Entitlement Board hearings of one to two weeks duration are held periodically. In 1974-75 there were sixteen sessions. The Board members are Commissioners of the Canadian Pension Commission who travel from Head Office in Ottawa for this purpose. Cases are normal-