

In each case, television receive earth station licences were approved when the applicant satisfied the licensing requirements of the Department of Communications.

2. No statistics are available on the number of unlicensed earth stations for the years 1975 to 1979. The following figures are estimates only for the current year:

B.C.	60
Alta.	13
Sask.	6
Man.	12
Ont.	16
Que.	7
N.B.	1
N.S.	2
P.E.I.	0
Nfld.	4
Yukon	9
N.W.T.	17

3. It appears that most of the unlicensed earth stations are being used to receive signals from U.S. satellites that carry television programs. In view of the fact that this matter is closely linked to the recent CRTC report on the extension of television services to remote areas, which is currently under review by the Minister of Communications and the CRTC, no enforcement action has been initiated. However, the over-all situation is being monitored and some investigations are being made. Enforcement action could be taken in specific situations prior to a resolution of the broadcasting policy and regulatory issues.

ILLEGAL DISH ANTENNAS

Question No. 1,026—Mr. Cook:

1. How many illegal dish antennas are operating in (a) British Columbia (b) Alberta (c) Saskatchewan (d) Manitoba (e) the Yukon (f) the Northwest Territories (g) Ontario (h) Quebec (i) New Brunswick (j) Nova Scotia (k) Prince Edward Island (l) Newfoundland?

2. Of the illegal dish antennas in British Columbia and the Yukon, how many are operating in areas where there is poor reception or no reception of the CBC signal?

3. Has the government ever forced the closing down of an illegal dish antenna in British Columbia or in the Yukon and, if so, near which communities were they situated?

4. Does the government intend to close down any of the illegal dish antennas it is presently aware of and, if so, near which communities are they situated?

5. Did the government receive complaints from the American government regarding illegal dish antennas in Canada pirating TV signals from the U.S. Satcom 1 satellite and, if so, what was the government's response?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): In so far as the Department of Communications is concerned, the answer to the above question is as follows:

1. (a) British Columbia	60	(g) Ontario	16
(b) Alberta	13	(h) Quebec	7
(c) Saskatchewan	6	(i) New Brunswick	1
(d) Manitoba	12	(j) Nova Scotia	2
(e) Yukon	9	(k) Prince Edward Island	0
(f) N.W.T.	17	(l) Newfoundland	4

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2. It is estimated that there are five unlicensed earth stations in British Columbia and two in the Yukon operating in areas where there is poor or no reception of CBC signals from standard television transmitters.

3. Both the CRTC and the Department of Communications have communicated with many persons owning or operating such facilities to advise them of the illegalities involved. To our knowledge, such notification resulted in the closing down of an unlicensed installation in Whitehorse.

4. It appears that most of the unlicensed earth stations are being used to receive signals from U.S. satellites that carry television programs. In view of the fact that this matter is closely linked to the recent CRTC report on the extension of television services to remote areas, which is currently under review by the Minister of Communications and the CRTC, no enforcement action has been initiated. However, the over-all situation is being monitored and some investigations are being made. Enforcement action could be taken in specific situations prior to a resolution of the broadcasting policy and regulatory issues.

5. No complaints have been received from the American government regarding unlicensed earth stations in Canada pirating TV signals from U.S. satellites. The unauthorized reception of satellite television program signals, including those from Canadian satellites, is also a problem in the United States. It is understood that the government of the United States does not consider the direct reception of U.S. satellite signals in Canada to be permissible under existing international agreements.

A. V. ENGUIBAROV'S TRIP TO BROCKVILLE

Question No. 1,559—Mr. Cossitt:

With reference to the answer to question No. 31 which states in part, that A. V. Enguibarov, commercial counsellor at the U.S.S.R. Embassy made a visit to Brockville, Ontario (a) what was the date of this visit (b) was any reason given to the Department of External Affairs for the visit (c) does the government have any knowledge from any source whatsoever as to what he did while in Brockville, Ontario?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): (a) Mr. A. V. Enguibarov visited Brockville on April 14, 1979.

(b) and (c) In so far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned, Mr. Enguibarov was not required to state, and did not volunteer, the reasons for his visit to Brockville.

LETTERS SUPPORTING CONSTITUTIONAL ADS

Question No. 1,600—Mr. Cossitt:

Did the Minister of State for Multiculturalism receive letters in support of the constitutional ads and, if so (a) how many (b) from whom including any members of Parliament in the opposition?