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4. (a) What was the total additional cost to the Department for salaries (b) what is the salary breakdown?

Mr. Jim Fleming (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and the Environment): 1. (a) Since the Ocean Dumping Act and its regulations went into effect on December 13, 1975, two people have been hired and 19 have been diverted from other programs to manage the Act; (b) 21; (c) Ottawa/Hull 3.3; Maritimes 7.2; Pacific 7; Quebec 1; Northwest 2.5.

2. (a) 174 employees of DFE, in addition to their regular functions, have been designated as inspectors under the Ocean Dumping Control Act. (b) British Columbia 99; Yukon 4; Prince Edward Island 1; Labrador 1; Newfoundland 21; Nova Scotia 13; New Brunswick 3; Northwest Territories 11; Manitoba 2; Quebec 19. (c) (i) approximately seven per week. (ii) approximately 30 per month.

3. (a) None. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable.

4. (a) \$8,000 (two employees hired within the last four months). (b) \$22,500 and \$10,800 annual salaries.

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO MEET NEEDS OF DECENTRALIZATION OF DEPARTMENTS

Question No. 2,209-Mr. Herbert:

1. Has it been necessary to develop faster and more effecient systems of communications to meet the needs of the decentralization of departments across the country and, if so (a) what are such systems (b) what has been the cost for the current fiscal year?

2. What is the cost included by all departments in the 1977-78 Estimates and what is the etimated total additional cost arising from the needs of decentralization?

Mr. Ross Milne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): In so far as the Department of Communications is concerned: 1. Because many improvements have been made to the government's intercity telecommunications network in recent years to accommodate increased telecommunications traffic, including the extension of direct dialing services, improved transmission facilities and new teletype and data services, no special communication systems have been required to meet the decentralization needs of departments.

2. No specific costs are identified in the 1977-78 Estimates since decentralization needs are provided by the existing intercity telecommunications system.

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE—BRIDGE/CHIMNEY ISLAND

Question No. 2,222-Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development receive a written request dated November 17, 1975 from the hon. member for Leeds on behalf of a constituent, Mr. G. W. Mallory, Mallorytown, Ontario, owner of Bridge/Chimney Island?

2. (a) Has Bridge/Chimney Island been declared a national historic site with the cairn and plaque to be erected nearby on the mainland (b) did Mr. Mallory request that some indication be made on the plaque that it was "private property" and, if so, did the Minister agree to forward such a request to the Historic Sites and Monuments Board?

3. Did the Minister advise the hon. member for Leeds, in a letter dated March 22, 1977, that the Historic Sites and Monuments Board had refused to indicate

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on the plaque the Bridge/Chimney Island is "private property" and, if so (a) will such decision be reviewed in order that the general public will not be encouraged to trespass on the private property unknowingly and to prevent great inconvenience to the owner?

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes.

2. (a) Yes. (b) No. However, the hon. member for Leeds so stated in his letter of November 17, 1975. The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development advised the hon. member that the request would be brought to the attention of the historian preparing the text.

3. No. The Minister advised Mr. Cossitt that the board had not made any reference in the text to the fact that Bridge/ Chimney Island is privately owned. (a) No. However, the Minister in his letter of October 25, 1976 to Mr. Cossitt suggested that if Mr. Mallory has not already done so, he should post no trespassing signs on the Island to deter unwanted visitors.

TREASURY BOARD PUBLICATION "FEDERAL SPENDING PLANS"

Question No. 2,341-Mr. Friesen:

1. What was the cost of production of Treasury Board publication Federal Spending Plans: 1977-78, Special Edition, Volume I, No. 1?

2. How many were produced and to whom were copies distributed?

3. Is there a mailing list for this edition or future editions and, if so, how many persons or groups are on the list and what are their names?

4. What was the cost of postage for the distribution of the publication?

5. (a) How many such publications does the government plan to produce in the future (b) what is the proposed time frame (monthly, annually, etc.)?

6. (a) What percentage of the material used in this edition was previously used in other government publications, releases or documents (b) how much is original material?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): 1. \$22,569.61.

2. 300,000. Distribution is continuing in response to requests. Initial distribution included all members of Parliament and the general public through the regional offices of the Departments of Manpower and Immigration, National Health and Welfare, Canada Post Office (Grades 1 to 7), and the Public Service Commission. Individuals receive the publication when they enquire about the spending estimates. Teachers of high school students can also obtain the publication in classroom sets upon request.

3. No.

4. \$4,610.01, as of May 4, 1977.

5. (a) and (b): One per year at the time the Main Estimates are tabled.

6. (a) Photographs supplied by other departments may have been used previously. Minister's statement and opposition reaction were in *Hansard*. Two charts were from Federal Expenditure Plan: How Your Tax Dollar is Spent. Press comments were taken from various papers. (b) Most of the text is original material based on the Main Estimates and related news releases.