

\$1,500 annually and the addition of two reporters to the present staff of seven in the English debates reporting branch. These submissions cited increases in working hours during recent years and the difficulties experienced and anticipated in recruiting staff at the present salary levels.

PRESENT PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING DEBATES

9. The Debates reporting staff consists of the following:

	English debates		French debates
Editor			
(\$8,820-\$10,500)	1	(\$8,120 \$9,800)	1
Assistant Editor			
(\$7,500-\$8,700)	1	(\$7,320 \$8,340)	1
Parliamentary Reporters			
(\$6,840-\$7,860)	7		4
Parliamentary Amanuenses			
(\$4,320-\$4,800)	7		4
Secretary			
(\$4,260-\$5,160)	1		1
Supervisor of Office Services			
(\$4,200-\$4,740)	1		
Clerk 4	1		
Clerk 3	1		
Messengers	7		2

10. The usual practice, in the English branch, is to schedule six of the seven reporters and amanuenses for duty each sitting day. The remaining reporter and amanuensis is given a day off except when required to replace an absentee due to sickness, etc. During each hour of sitting reporters spend ten minutes (five minutes during the first half hour) on the floor of the house recording debates and about 40 minutes dictating to an amanuensis and editing the resulting transcription. The transcriptions from the first half of the day's sittings are edited by the Editor and the latter half by the assistant editor. Edited copy is sent to the Queen's printer in Hull twice a day. In addition, 40 unrevised copies are reproduced progressively during the day for members of the press gallery. Ministers, parliamentary secretaries, party leaders, etc., are provided with carbon copies of their own speeches for the purpose of making necessary corrections prior to the submission of edited copy to the Queen's printer. Members may make similar corrections by calling at the office of the editor immediately after each recess. The last run to the Queen's printer leaves at 11:30 p.m. an hour and a half after adjournment of the house. Copies of Hansard are distributed the following morning.

11. During discussions with representatives of the Queen's printer it became apparent that improvements in the Hansard printing and distribution schedule could be made if the printer were permitted to move the index of contents from the front to the back of each report. This was mentioned to the Clerk of the house. The chief of debates reporting branch took immediate steps to implement this change. At the time of writing, the new format has apparently proven acceptable since no objection has been received from the members. The result has been that Hansard is now available for distribution and mailing from two hours and a half to three hours earlier each day.