

## Questions

2. If so (a) who were the tenderers (b) on what basis were they invited to call?
3. Was the contract awarded to the lowest bidder?
4. In what amount was the contract?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. The district marine agent of the Department of Transport at Quebec, P.Q., called for tenders for the transport of mail and delivery to lighthouses on Anticosti island on October 17, 1966.

2. (a) Air Gaspé Inc., Northern Wings Ltd., Wheeler Northland Airways Ltd. (b) Transportation of mail from Port Menier, P.Q., to the light stations once per month, for five trips, from December, 1966. Prices were to be in accordance with carriers tariff filed with the Air Transport Board.

3. Yes.
4. \$1,228.50.

PAYMENTS TO LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS,  
BELLEISLE RIVER, N.B.

Question No. 2,407—**Mr. Fairweather:**

How much money does the Department of Transport pay to each lighthouse keeper or lighthouse attendant on Belleisle river, New Brunswick?

**Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Light caretaker, Hatfield Point, Belleisle river, \$60 per annum; light caretaker, Greys Point, Belleisle river, \$60 per annum; light caretaker, Long Point, Belleisle river, \$60 per annum.

\*RELIEF FOR AREAS AFFECTED BY  
AUTOMOBILE AGREEMENT

Question No. 2,414—**Mr. Irvine:**

Further to question No. 2,272 answered January 9, 1967 (a) what action is contemplated to provide relief in those specific areas mentioned in the Automotive Parts Manufacturing Association brief as a result of economic pressures generated by the Canada-U.S. automotive agreement (b) what relief is contemplated by removal of the then 11 per cent (now 12 per cent) tax on machinery and equipment for the automotive parts manufacturing industry?

[Translation]

**Mr. Jean Chrétien (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** (a) This is a matter of government policy. If any changes are to be proposed to the relevant legislation they will be announced at the appropriate time. (b) Production equipment used by manufacturers that is described in paragraph 1 of Part XIII of Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act is exempt from sales tax.

The increase in the rate of sales tax from 11 per cent to 12 per cent proposed in the supplementary budget on December 19, 1966 is

[Mr. Keays.]

not to apply to machinery and equipment described in Schedule V of the Excise Tax Act. The machinery and equipment described in Schedule V of the Excise Tax Act is to become taxable at only 6 per cent on April 1, 1967 and it is to become exempt from sales tax on April 1, 1968.

[English]

REMUNERATION OF REGISTERED NURSES IN  
ARMED FORCES

Question No. 2,419—**Mr. Cowan:**

What is the remuneration given to registered nurses who are members of the Armed Services of Canada?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1. On enrolment in the Canadian forces, a registered nurse is granted a short service commission as an officer for a period of two to six years as she may select. She is enrolled in the rank of 2nd lieutenant (army) or equivalent and promoted the following day to the rank of lieutenant (army) or equivalent.

2. As a member of the Canadian forces, she is eligible to receive pay for the rank in which enrolled and promoted. The monthly rates of pay are as follows:

| Rank                      | Monthly rates (in dollars) |                         |                          |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| (Army rank or equivalent) | Basic rate                 | After two years in rank | After four years in rank |
| 2nd lieutenant            | 355                        |                         |                          |
| Lieutenant                | 540                        | 580                     | 595                      |

3. When a member of the Canadian forces is provided with single quarters, rations or single quarters and rations, deductions are made from the member's pay based on the following monthly rates: (a) charges for single quarters; (i) for an officer of the rank of 2nd lieutenant (army) or equivalent, \$30; (ii) for a lieutenant (army) or equivalent, \$40; (b) charges for rations, at the rate in effect for an officer, \$55.

4. A registered nurse when enrolled in the Canadian forces, is eligible to receive a one time outfit allowance of \$450. She is entitled also to receive other benefits prescribed in the Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Canadian forces for officers of equal rank and status under similar conditions, e.g., overseas allowances, travelling allowances, and responsibility allowance.