

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):

Consideration has been given to this matter but in view of the fact that the Excise Tax Act provides for relief specifically in respect of materials used in the construction of school buildings, there is no authority whereby the scope of this provision in the Statute may be enlarged by administrative action in order to include materials used in the renovation or repair of school buildings.

NUMBER OF VISITORS TO CAPE BRETON HIGHLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Question No. 1,662—**Mr. Haliburton:**

1. How many visitors registered at the Cape Breton Highlands National Park during the summers of (a) 1970 (b) 1971 (c) 1972?
2. How many such visitors were from outside the Province of Nova Scotia?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. The estimated attendance at Cape Breton Highlands National Park during the summers of 1970, 1971 and 1972 is shown below:

	1970	1971	1972
June	128,409	92,544	103,286
July	270,888	271,257	265,297
August	268,751	266,643	267,894
Total	668,048	630,444	636,477

2. Eighty-one per cent of the visitors to Cape Breton Highlands National Park were from outside the province of Nova Scotia in 1971. It is estimated that the proportion of visitors from outside the province would be approximately the same in 1970 and 1972.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,665—**Mr. Knight:**

1. How many full-time employees were there as of January 31, 1970 in the Department of Veterans Affairs?
2. How many of those employees were earning more than \$15,000 annually, distributed according to \$1,000 intervals?
3. How many full-time employees were there as of January 31, 1973 in the Department of Veterans Affairs?
4. How many of those employees were earning more than \$18,000 annually, distributed according to \$1,000 intervals?

Hon. David J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

1. 10,271.
2. \$16,000, 16. \$17,000, 21. \$18,000, 34. \$19,000, 22. \$20,000, 22. \$21,000, 17. \$22,000, 46. \$23,000, 40. \$24,000, 9. \$25,000, 25. \$26,000, 5. \$27,000, 11. \$28,000, 1. \$29,000, 2. \$29,000-35,000, 1. \$31,000 nil. \$32,000, nil. \$33,000, nil. \$34,000, nil. \$35,000, nil.
3. 9,728.
4. \$19,000, 14. \$20,000, 16. \$21,000, 23. \$22,000, 28. \$23,000, 39. \$24,000, 17. \$25,000, 24. \$26,000, 19. \$27,000, 21. \$28,000, 24. \$29,000, 20. \$24,629 to 31,445, 9. \$28,539 to 33,072, 7. \$28,539 to 33,072, 10. \$31,459 to 35,391, 3. \$31,459 to 35,391, 1. \$34,000 to 40,000, 1.

[Mr. McKenzie.]

DREE—FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,683—**Mr. Knight:**

1. How many full-time employees were there as of January 31, 1970 in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?
2. How many of those employees were earning more than \$15,000 annually, distributed according to \$1,000 intervals?
3. How many full-time employees were there as of January 31, 1973 in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?
4. How many of those employees were earning more than \$18,000 annually, distributed according to \$1,000 intervals?

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. As of January 31, 1970 there were 1,316 full-time employees in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion.

2. \$15,000, 17. \$16,000, 20. \$17,000, 21. \$18,000, 17. \$19,000, 15. \$20,000, 11. \$21,000, 9. \$22,000, 12. \$23,000, 12. \$24,000, 2. \$25,000, 3. \$26,000, 1. \$27,000, 1. \$28,000 to \$35,000, 2.

3. As of January 31, 1973 there were 1,653 full-time employees in the Department of Regional Economic Expansion.

4. \$18,000, 27. \$19,000, 37. \$20,000, 56. \$21,000, 44. \$22,000, 26. \$23,000, 35. \$24,000, 12. \$25,000, 10. \$26,000, 21. \$27,000, 8. \$28,000 to \$35,000, 15. \$40,000 to \$45,000, 1.

*INFORMATION CONCERNING DISAPPEARANCE OF AIRCRAFT EN ROUTE TO HANOI, OCTOBER 18, 1965

Question No. 1,658—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. What information has the Department of External Affairs been able to secure concerning the disappearance of the aircraft operating under the auspices of ICSC which carried Mr. J. W. Douglas Turner, an External Affairs Officer, and two other Canadians on board en route to Hanoi on October 18, 1965?
2. Did the Minister of External Affairs, when in Hanoi, bring up this matter with the authorities in North Viet Nam, in Laos or South Viet Nam and, if so, what was he able to ascertain?

[Translation]

Mr. Pierre De Bané (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Department of External Affairs has made repeated enquiries over the years to determine whether any information has come forward concerning the disappearance on October 18, 1965 of the ICSC aircraft with three Canadians on board. At the time of the disappearance of the aircraft extensive searches were undertaken. However, the aircraft was never found and the cause of its disappearance has never been ascertained. While in Hanoi, the Secretary of State for External Affairs raised this question with authorities of the Democratic Republic of Viet Nam and explained the circumstances, as far as they are known, of this incident. This enquiry was noted but it elicited no new information.