

*CUSTOMS BUILDING, WANETA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Question No. 1,539—**Mr. Brisco:**

1. (a) Is the national average for a house of wood frame construction \$23.25 per sq. ft. (b) does a one-storey wood frame building 50'x25' contain 1,250 sq. ft. (c) what is the cost per sq. ft. of a customs building to be constructed at Waneta, British Columbia?
2. How does the Department of Public Works justify such a high cost per sq. ft.?
3. Are there very high temperatures in the Waneta area during the summer months and very low temperatures and heavy snow loads during the winter months and, if so, for what reason are sky-lights called for in the construction of this building?
4. (a) How will this building be heated in the winter months and at what cost per year (b) how will it be cooled in the summer months and at what cost per year?
5. (a) Is there provision in the basement of this building for a well (b) has provision been made in the plans for periodical removal of the well casing (c) would the building have to be jacked up in order to remove the well casing (d) for what reason was this well not placed outside the building?
6. What indication has the Department of Public Works received from either Canadian or United States authorities that this port of entry will have increased traffic loads to justify the expense of this contract?
7. Are there several thousands of dollars in extras that can be charged to the Department over and above the contract price and, if so (a) what is the total cost of all proposed extras (b) what comprises these extras?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in view of the length of the response to this question I wonder if it could be printed in *Hansard* as if it had been read.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

[*Editor's Note: The response above referred to reads as follows:*]

1. (a) Yes; (b) Yes; (c) The cost per sq. ft. of the building is \$41.56.
2. The contract was awarded to the lowest of five reputable bidders. Although the national average for a house of wood frame construction is quoted by CMHC as \$23.25 per sq. ft., current costs in the Penticton-Trail, B.C. area are running at \$35 per sq. ft. It should be noted that these average costs reflect savings derived from volume construction whereas there is no volume construction involved in the construction of a public building. Also, the Customs Building at Waneta is of steel frame and masonry construction with a ceiling height that varies between 12' 0" and 20' 0". In addition, the cost includes air conditioning and additional public toilet facilities as well as other characteristics not found in the average house of wood frame construction such as: basement construction completely below grade; reinforced concrete basement walls; insulated basement walls; reinforced concrete main floor; angular shape building; minimum maintenance roof; interior rain water leaders; larger eaves and overhangs; increased window areas; wider commercial type entrances; brick & block interior partitions; better quality heating system; better quality lighting (high intensity). The cost of the Waneta Customs Building compares favourably with that of other similar prestige buildings in the area.

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3. Yes. There are no sky-lights in the building proper. Sky-lights are provided in the canopies to provide light for customs inspections.
4. (a) Oil fired hot air heating estimated to cost \$590.00 per year. (b) Roof top air-conditioning estimated to cost \$200.00 per year.
5. (a) No; (b) Yes; (c) No; (d) The well is outside the building.
6. Traffic loads are taken from a U.S. Environmental Impact Study prepared by the State of Washington and a study of Highway 22A prepared by the B.C. Department of Highways. Both studies indicate a very substantial increase in trans border traffic.
7. No. (a) Not applicable; (b) Not applicable.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE

Question No. 1,666—**Mr. Cossitt:**

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2. For each, what is the breakdown of costs under all possible headings including (a) salaries and wages (b) contract services (c) supplies (d) sundries and entertainment (e) construction and alterations (f) maintenance?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the National Capital Commission, the Department of Public Works and the Prime Minister's and Privy Council Offices as follows: 1.

	(a) \$36,927.00	(b) \$221,005.03	(c) \$73,053.00
2. (a)	\$21,566.00	\$ 4,438.27	\$54,694.00
(b)	1,809.00	126,570.17	Nil
(c)	4,646.00	89,196.53	12,739.00
(d)	559.00	800.06	5,620.00
(e)	8,347.00	800.06	Nil
(f)	Broken down under (a) to (d)	800.06	Nil

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