

## Questions

PETITION RESPECTING CJCL-TV  
PROGRAMMINGQuestion No. 755—**Mr. Peddle:**

1. Has the Northern Service of CBC received a petition from Labrador City, requesting a change in programming on station CJCL-TV, to allow the showing of movies on Saturday night, and hockey rebroadcasts on Saturday afternoon?

2. Will CBC accede to that request and, if so, when will the change in programming commence?

## [Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the CBC that the Corporation has received a brief from Labrador City and that the broadcasting service provided to the area is presently being reviewed.

## [English]

REMISSION OF CERTAIN TAXES FOR  
AIRLINE COMPANIESQuestion No. 769—**Mr. Crouse:**

1. Under what Order in Council are Canadian airline companies eligible for remission of customs duties, sales and excise taxes on the purchase of aircraft and parts to be used in international service?

2. Were companies with extensive international operations permitted to defer payment of taxes on the domestic portion of their operations until the year end and, if so, who made the ruling to permit such deferrals and under what authority?

3. Was permission for such deferrals rescinded recently and, if so, by whom and under what authority?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue):** 1. Order in Council P.C. 1966-18/1495, dated August 10, 1966.

2. Companies with extensive international operations were permitted to defer payment of taxes on certain aircraft used in a combination of domestic and international service until the year end. This deferment of taxes on the domestic portion of the aircraft was necessary as the extent to which the aircraft was used domestically was not known until year end and an accurate calculation of the amount of sales tax to be remitted was not possible until that time.

3. The application of the Order was suspended temporarily but was reinstated pending a new submission to Council to replace the present Order.

## FARM IMPLEMENT PRICES COMMISSION

Question No. 784—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. What was the date the Commission on Farm Implement Prices was set up?

2. When is a final report by the Commission to be expected?

[Mr. Laing.]

3. How many members are on the Commission?  
4. What is the total expenditure by the Commission to date?

5. What is the anticipated total expenditure that will be made by or for the Commission by the time the final report is received by the government?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** 1. The Royal Commission on Farm Machinery was appointed by Order-in-Council 1966-978 on May 26, 1966.

2. By mid-1970.

3. One.

4. \$1,288,635 to December 31, 1969.

5. \$1,581,409.

COST OF BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM  
COMMISSIONQuestion No. 809—**Mr. Mather:**

What, in dollars, has been the cost to date of the Bilingual and Bicultural Commission?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** Total cost of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism to December 31, 1969, is \$8,433,162.

UNION OF PRAIRIE PROVINCES AND  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIESQuestion No. 834—**Mr. Robinson:**

To the knowledge of the federal government, have the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta discussed unity with the Northwest Territories and, if so, is the government prepared to consider this proposal?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** No.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS  
FOR RETURNS

## GOVERNMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICES

Question No. 217—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Which government departments have made arrangements either by contract or any other method with private public relations firms to publicize the work, the programs, the activities of each department or its personnel?

2. How much did each department agree to pay to the public relations firms involved?

3. Were the arrangements made following competitive bidding and, if not, what criteria were used in choosing the firms concerned?

Return tabled.