

committees, or we were hoping the miscellaneous estimates committee would get one of these so we could interest ourselves in this new format, this new presentation. This was a promise made by the minister last year, and I am wondering if he can inform the House when he intends to table these new pilot projects.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Johnston: Mr. Speaker, hon. members may recall that a few weeks ago I tabled in the House two pilot projects for the two departments in question. Although I did not then refer those two projects to committee, I have the impression that the public accounts committee is or might be studying at least one of those projects if not both. We still have three other pilot projects. I hope that I will be able to table them in the House perhaps within three weeks and that several committees, including the one chaired by the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier (Mr. Gauthier), will have an opportunity to make an in-depth review of at least one of those special studies. Again I would like to insist on the fact that today I tabled for the first time Part I of the main estimates which gives us a general idea of government spending. It is the first time we have done it that way; so, to a certain extent, this is an historic day, perhaps for many reasons. But in any event I hope all hon. members will have an opportunity to give us their comments on the contents of this new project.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill S-15, an act respecting the Royal Canadian Legion, to which the concurrence of this House is desired.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,371 to 1,390 inclusive, 1,393 to 1,398 inclusive, and 1,401 to 1,413 inclusive.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Order Paper Questions

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DIAND—INDIAN RESERVE PROJECT COST OVERRUNS

Question No. 1,371—**Mr. Greenaway:**

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Water Supply Project at Pukatawagan?
2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?
3. Are steps being taken to prevent further cost overruns on the project and, if so, what are they?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. \$1,692.

2. No. A new revised total has been submitted to the Treasury Board for an additional \$419,856.

3. (a) Yes, the project was stopped in February, 1979, and is presently being held in abeyance. If new Treasury Board approval is received, upon allocation of additional financial resources, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will complete the project using intense financial control and strict supervision.

(b) The directives outlined in chapter 148 of Treasury Board Administrative Policy Manual, cost control of projects will be implemented for each such project, namely: (i) a project manager to be appointed for each project which may require contract or project approval by the Treasury Board; (ii) the department to be responsible for complete and adequate project documentation; (iii) reliable estimates of cost that include all direct and related costs, that reflect contracting risks, contingency allowances for identifiable risk areas, inflation cost indices and which specify the base-year dollars in which the estimate is expressed is to be provided along with the source of the estimates for each project; (iv) each submission for project approval to include a statement to the effect that the department will not, during the course of the project, exceed the estimate provided in support of the project approval submission without the prior approval of the Treasury Board; (v) a reporting system to be established in order that immediate advice is given where there is evidence of a potential cost overrun.

In addition, the department has established a project control system, and is now ready to start initial implementation of a computerized project accounting system in response to the cost control directive. Also, a capital management branch has been established in the Indian and Inuit Affairs Program with one of its primary objectives to ensure that all aspects of cost control are adhered to and that all capital dollars are cost effectively spent.

Question No. 1,372—**Mr. Greenaway:**

1. What is the present amount of the cost overrun for the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development's Planning and Water and Sewer System Project at Canoe Lake?

2. Is this the final cost overrun on the project?