

Order Paper Questions

- (a) The Treasury Board approved this project at the department's preliminary estimate of cost of one million dollars.
- (b) Dates for commencement and completion of construction have not yet been established.
- (c) As in (b).

AGRICULTURE—MONETARY ASSISTANCE—CONSTITUENCY OF OXFORD

Question No. 1,352—**Mr. Halliday:**

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1977-78 (b) 1978-79, how many (i) beef (ii) dairy (iii) poultry (iv) pork (v) egg (vi) corn producers in the constituency of Oxford, applied for assistance and received monetary assistance from the Department of Agriculture?

2. For the same years, how many persons in the constituency of Oxford applied for a loan and received a loan from the Farm Credit Corporation?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. None.

2. Farm Credit Corporation advises that statistics are not maintained on a constituency basis. The constituency of Oxford is made up of two field areas, which results in an overlap into the constituency of Brant. However, based on the foregoing, the answer is:

	1977-78	1978-79
(a) Applied for a loan	120	109
(b) Received a loan	110	83

ST. LAWRENCE ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK

Question No. 1,486—**Mr. Cossitt:**

What is a full description of the methods and procedures for hiring of (a) permanent (b) temporary or seasonal employees in the St. Lawrence Islands National Park?

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment): St. Lawrence Islands National Park conducts its own recruiting only for administrative support (clerical) and operational (maintenance, etc.) positions.

- (a) Hiring of permanent employees
 - Closed or open competition

In the event that attempts to recruit qualified candidates from within the public service are unsuccessful or where it has been determined to be in the best interests of the public service, the responsible staffing officer may, subject to the conditions of delegation, consider recruitment from outside the public service, in accordance with the Public Service Employment Act and Regulations.

- (i) Open competitions (open to the public)

The park must go to the local Canada Employment Centre for referrals. Potential candidates are referred by the local Canada Employment and Immigration Centre (CEIC) office in Brockville, Ontario. The region covered by this office extends from Brockville to

Gananoque but the area of the region may be increased to cover Prescott-Kingston if the local CEIC office feels that a wider search is required due to an insufficient number of candidates being available in the Brockville-Gananoque area. The candidates are then interviewed by parks personnel and rated against appropriate selection standards. Qualified candidates are then placed on an eligible list and offered positions as vacancies occur during the time the eligible list is valid, as governed by Public Service Commission regulations.

- (ii) Closed competitions (open only to federal employees)

There are two types of closed competitions; local and regional. A local closed competition includes only employees of St. Lawrence Islands National Park. A regional closed competition includes Parks Canada employees, Ontario region, which encompasses the province of Ontario. The area of competition for closed competitions is determined from the "Area of Competition Guidelines" as issued by the Public Service Commission on the basis of three considerations: the organizational unit within which a candidate must be employed in order to be considered; the geographic boundaries of the area of competition; and the occupational group and salary of employees. Closed competitions for employees of St. Lawrence Islands National Park take place when the number of candidates is sufficient to meet the three considerations listed above. Closed competitions are widened to a regional scope when the park cannot provide sufficient candidates. Closed competitions are extended to other regions and other departments when an insufficient number of candidates is available. The candidates are interviewed by parks personnel and rated against appropriate selection standards. Qualified candidates are then placed on an eligible list and offered positions as vacancies occur during the time the eligible list is valid, as governed by Public Service Commission regulations.

- (b) Hiring of temporary or seasonal employees

The methods and procedures are the same as in (a)(i) and (a)(ii).

If there is a requirement to staff positions other than those in the administrative support or operational categories as described above, it is referred to the regional office for action. The personnel advisor in the regional office essentially follows very similar procedures using the Public Service Commission as a central agency instead of the Canada Employment and Immigration Centre.

RESEARCH—ENERGY

Question No. 1,494—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. For each of the past three years, what amount did the government spend on research into all forms of energy—oil, gas, coal, tar sands, heavy oil, solar, nuclear and what is the current projected expenditure?