

**Mr. Harris:** I hope I am not making it harder for the hon. member.

**Mr. Green:** Can the minister give us a brief explanation?

**Mr. Harris:** This item refers to the houses at this establishment. The cost of the housing was shown as a charge on the research items in bygone years. A decision was made to alter that by having the cost of the houses repayable by Atomic Energy, by that company issuing debentures to the government of Canada at 3½ per cent for 30 years, so that the rentals and accruals from the housing and so on would go to the retirement of this debt. In order to do that a sum had to be agreed upon as to the value of those buildings, and I think that is the sum of \$2 million odd I read a moment ago.

In order to do that we had to create an item of \$2,100,000 odd, because we had already written the item down to \$1 in the books of the government. Therefore in fact what we are doing is creating a liability of Atomic Energy to the government, this amount to be retired over a number of years by way of repayment on the debentures. In fact that is all this is. It is purely a bookkeeping entry to place in a different category, the houses at this establishment and to pay for them over the years.

**Mr. Macdonnell:** The minister says this is merely a bookkeeping entry. But is there not to be some element of reality? Do I understand that the government has really re-created on paper an asset of \$2,843,000, with obligations to repay this amount assumed by the atomic energy organization, and that it is hoped that moneys will be earned in that amount and paid by that organization?

**Mr. Harris:** That is right.

**Mr. Macdonnell:** The minister has already explained that the organization is divided into two parts, part public enterprise and part private enterprise. Were those the two percentages he gave us?

**Mr. Harris:** No, not with respect to the houses.

**Mr. Macdonnell:** Where is the money to pay the obligations to come from?

**Mr. Harris:** It will come from the rentals paid by the occupants to Atomic Energy. It will be collected by Atomic Energy from the tenants and, as a charge on Atomic Energy, paid to the government finally on the debenture issue.

**Mr. Macdonnell:** So it will be real money originating from third parties that will eventually come into the public treasury?

**Mr. Harris:** Quite so.

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**Mrs. Fairclough:** Those moneys will then eventually succeed in writing off the debenture debt?

**Mr. Harris:** Yes.

Item agreed to.

PUBLIC PRINTING AND STATIONERY

598. Printing and binding the annual statutes—further amount required, \$6,500.

**Mr. Lennard:** In connection with this item, we know that the statutes are printed in both French and English, and rightly so. I believe the regulations are to the effect that members of parliament are entitled to complete sets of the statutes in both English and French. I feel that this is wrong. I feel that in future if members of parliament were entitled to one set of their choice, in either English or French, it would mean a great saving in this department.

Item agreed to.

599. *Canada Gazette*—further amount required, \$55,000.

**Mr. MacLean:** I notice that this is an additional item of \$55,000. Last year the estimate was \$105,000. The item for the current year is \$110,000. It would seem to me that there has been either an unforeseen expenditure of a large amount or else the estimating is badly out of line.

**Mr. Harris:** The note I have here is that there were a great many more publications of the *Gazette* last year with respect to certain statutory orders, and that is why the bill ran up, and why it is not expected to be up this year.

Item agreed to.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Architectural branch—

Acquisition, construction and improvements of public buildings—

Construction, acquisition, major repairs and improvements of, and plans and sites for, public buildings listed in the details of the estimates, provided that treasury board may increase or decrease the amount within the vote to be expended on individual listed projects—further amounts required—

601. Ottawa, \$1,732,666.

**Mr. Green:** May we have an explanation of this item?

**Mr. Harris:** Yes. There are two items in the Ottawa area. There is an item of \$156,000 with respect to a property at the corner of Bay and Wellington streets. There is an item of \$1,576,666 with respect to payment for the former seminary building at Hurdmans Bridge. This latter item includes an