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may involve a large number of people representing many man days of labour. Furthermore, in many cases the information requested is not available at the departmental headquarters in Ottawa and it is necessary to dispatch the request to a regional office or centre in any one or all of the ten provinces, or even to a departmental office located outside of Canada.

Because of these factors, it is virtually impossible to provide any meaningful or accurate statistics as to "average" costs or persons involved.

EXTENSION OF TELEVISION SERVICE,  
CAPE BRETON ISLAND

Question No. 1,231—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria):**

1. Does the government plan to provide adequate television service to the communities of Pleasant Bay, Red River, Capstick, Bay St. Lawrence, St. Margaret's Village, Dingwall, North Harbour, South Harbour, Sunrise, Big Intervale, Cape North, Aspy Bay, Sugar Loaf, White Point, Smelt Brook and Bay Road Valley in northern Cape Breton island, N.S.?

2. Has the government, through any of its ministers, received representation in this regard and, if so (a) what reply was given (b) what action, if any, is contemplated?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):**  
1. I am informed by the C.B.C. that the corporation has no immediate plans for a television installation in northern Cape Breton island due to the small population and relatively high cost per capita. However, this and other areas without adequate service will warrant further study after new 1966 census data become available.

2. As far as the Secretary of State is concerned, a letter was received (dated October 31, 1964), from Mr. Walter C. Moore, Red River post office, Inverness county, N.S., regarding television service in the community of Pleasant Bay. The executive assistant, corporate affairs, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, wrote directly to Mr. Moore on November 25, 1964, as follows:

We are attempting to extend the service as funds and facilities for the purpose are available, by dealing first with those areas where the per capita cost involved enables us to benefit the largest number of people at the lowest cost. In that way the corporation is expending the public funds involved in an economical way.

[Miss LaMarsh.]

[Translation]

\*APPEARANCE OF MYSTERIOUS FLYING OBJECTS

Question No. 1,258—**Mr. Allard:**

1. Has the government investigated, or does it intend to investigate, the alleged appearance of unusual objects, commonly called flying saucers, in the sky over Toronto, Montreal and elsewhere in Canada?

2. Does the government intend to ask other countries whether they produce such objects and allow them to fly over Canada?

3. Has the government any information on such objects?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1. The reports concerning the appearance of mysterious flying objects in the sky have been looked into by the Department of National Defence. All such information received during recent weeks indicates that the objects were: (a) Meteorites; (b) Satellites; (c) Airplanes; (d) Reflection of light, flame, etc. on low clouds.

2. No.

3. No.

[English]

INCOME TAX DEADLINE ADVERTISING

Question No. 1,320—**Mr. Knowles:**

1. How much was spent (a) in 1964 (b) in 1965 (c) in 1966, advertising April 30 as the deadline for filing personal income tax returns?

2. What forms or methods of advertising were used for this purpose and how much was spent on each?

3. Has any assessment been obtained on the value of such advertising?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue):** 1. (a) In 1964, nil; (b) In 1965, \$19,218; (c) In 1966, \$28,930.50.

2. (a) In 1964, n/a; (b) In 1965, daily newspaper advertising, \$19,218; (c) In 1966, newspaper advertising, \$18,629.50; Radio commercials, \$10,301.00; Total: \$28,930.50.

3. Yes.

HOLIDAY ON FEAST OF YOM KIPPUR

Question No. 1,321—**Mr. Thompson:**

Has consideration been given to including the feast of Yom Kippur in the days that have been declared official holidays for the civil service throughout Canada, pursuant to section 62 of the Civil Service Act, or in the days on which reasonable latitude is authorized for civil servants in hours of attendance, pursuant to paragraph (d) of section 62 of the Civil Service Act?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):**  
I have been given the following information by the Civil Service Commission: