

## Questions

that are normally subject to collective bargaining procedures or arbitration, although the council may consider such matters if it is so agreed by the parties engaged in bargaining.

3. N/A.

## CONTINUATION OF PAY RESEARCH BUREAU

## Question No. 436—Mr. Bell (Carleton):

1. Has any consideration been given by the government to the recommendation of the special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the public service of Canada, appearing at page 1333 of the committee's proceedings and evidence, "that the government consider legislation to continue the pay research bureau and to provide for the data collected thereby to be available to the bargaining parties...?"

2. If so, what are the intentions of the government in this respect?

3. Has the pay research bureau been continued in existence as recommended by the committee by other than legislative action?

4. If so (a) by what techniques or methods (b) what is its present status?

5. Are the data collected available to bargaining parties?

6. If so, upon what conditions?

**Hon. Walter L. Gordon (President of the Privy Council):** 1. Yes. The government concluded however that legislation was not required.

2. See (1) above.

3. Yes.

4. (a) By establishment action. The positions approved by the Treasury Board for the pay research bureau were deleted from the establishment of the public service commission and added to that of the public service staff relations board. (b) The pay research bureau, which now operates under the administrative jurisdiction of the public service staff relations board, continues to function as an independent agency with responsibility for obtaining and presenting objective information on rates of pay, employee earnings, conditions of employment and related practices prevailing both inside and outside the public service.

5. The chairman of the public service staff relations board advises that the data collected will be made available to the bargaining parties as determined under the Public Service Staff Relations Act.

6. The chairman of the public service staff relations board further advises that bargaining parties will have access to pay research bureau data required for negotiations related to the respective bargaining units. However,

[Mr. Benson.]

the confidential information provided by the private employers has been obtained from them by the bureau on the understanding that the pay research bureau reports based on such information would be released only to persons involved in the establishment of pay rates, social benefits and conditions of work in the service and to the employers providing the basic data to the bureau, but would not be distributed for general public consumption. This understanding was reached with the private employers several years ago and has continued to this date. As a consequence of these conditions, the confidentiality of the information was also agreed upon by the advisory committee on pay research comprising employer and employee representatives. However, in view of the Public Service Staff Relations Act, the advisory committee will be reconstituted as soon as a substantial number of bargaining agents have been identified and the present understanding regarding the distribution of pay research data will be reviewed at that time.

## GRAIN SHIPMENTS THROUGH CHURCHILL

## Question No. 458—Mr. Dinsdale:

*Revised*

1. How many bushels of grain have been shipped through Port Churchill each year since 1960, and what kind of grains have been involved and in what quantities?

2. What is the total cost of the diversion charge on these grains, and what is the reason for the diversion charge?

3. What has been the total tonnage of incoming freight through Port Churchill each year since 1960?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):**

I am informed by the Departments of Transport and Trade and Commerce as follows:

The National Harbours Board advises as follows:

1.	Wheat (bus.)
1966	22,192,976
1965	25,002,972
1964	22,067,711
1963	23,262,463
1962	21,845,124
1961	19,696,812
1960	19,793,906

2. The total amount of diversion charges paid by the Canadian Wheat Board in respect of grain shipped through the port of