

4 and 5. Yes. There is a severe shortage of highly qualified staff everywhere, and all agencies both public and private have been encountering recruiting problems.

**TREASURY BOARD INFORMATION SERVICE**

**Question No. 2,515—Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Treasury Board provide an information service and, if so, what was the cost for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

2. How many publications and/or periodicals and/or information sheets and/or public releases were provided by the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive and what was the cost for each publication for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

3. How many copies of each publication are provided and to whom are they distributed and how is the distribution effected?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** 1. The answer to Part 1 has already been provided by the Treasury Board in reply to Question Number 2,175 (*Hansard*, June 4, 1969, page 9722).

2. (a) Publications: nil; (b) Periodicals: nil; (c) Information Sheets: nil; (d) Press Releases:

Year	Number	Estimated Cost
1960-64	nil	\$.....
1965	4	331.00
1966	15	499.00
1967	12	227.00
1968	38	1,567.00

3. The number of copies of each press release averages 850. Distribution is to the Parliamentary Press Gallery (by hand) and to Heads of Agencies and Deputy Ministers and their Directors of Personnel (by mail).

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS—CUTBACK  
IN CONSTRUCTION**

**Question No. 2,518—Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Has there been any cutback in the planned construction of federal public buildings as originally announced for the 1969-70 fiscal year?

2. If so (a) how many buildings are involved (b) in what cities were they to have been built (c) what is the total sum of money saved by the cutbacks in each province?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

**Questions**

**INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN  
DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION  
SERVICE**

**Question No. 2,532—Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development provide an information service and, if so, what was the cost for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

2. How many publications and/or periodicals and/or information sheets and/or public releases were provided by the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive and what was the cost for each publication for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

3. How many copies of each publication are provided and to whom are they distributed and how is the distribution effected?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** 1. 1960-66.

2. The department has no central record of all publications for the period mentioned. An inventory of publications is being prepared but will not be ready for several months.

However, available figures show that the number of publications has increased from 193 in 1966-67 to 235 in 1967-68 to 311 in 1968-69, and 182 publications have been published since the beginning of 1969-70, or by extrapolation, to a total of approximately 412 for the full year. Between 1966-67 and 1969-70, the circulation of all departmental scientific reports and of publications related to industrial development in the North has increased by 500 per cent, National Parks by 200 per cent and all others by 30 per cent.

3. To provide a reply to this question would take several months and as the Department has no central record for the period in question, the accuracy of the reply would be questionable.

As mentioned in the reply to part 2, an inventory is being prepared which will take several months to finalize.

**NATIONAL ARTS CENTRE—PUBLIC RELATIONS  
AND ADVERTISING**

**Question No. 2,548—Mr. Harding:**

1. What is the public relations and/or advertising budget for the National Arts Centre for the fiscal year 1969-70?

2. Up to June 10, 1969, what have been the actual public relations expenditures for the National Arts Centre?

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the National Arts Centre as follows: 1. \$589,576.

2. The Centre's accounting methods do not permit a reckoning of expenditures to June