

*Order Paper Questions*

(b) The program should provide farm management services to assist low-income farmers to take a whole-farm approach to the development of their business and to take advantage of their unique objectives, capabilities and resources, within the framework of existing institutions and farm communities;

(c) SFDP farm management counsellors should concentrate on farmers earning 50 per cent or more of their income from farming with total assets not greater than \$150,000;

(d) SFDP rural development counsellors should concentrate on rural residents with net family incomes below \$6,000 and net worths below \$50,000.

3. This study was contracted outside the Department of Agriculture because:

(a) Staff resources were unavailable at the time to carry it out;

(b) Non-governmental perspectives on policy and program alternatives were desired.

## SIBBALD GROUP—AGRICULTURE

Question No. 474—**Mr. Wise:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,793 of the Third Session of the 30th Parliament in which it was stated, that \$20,000 was given to the Sibbald Group to "provide background information on the significance of the family farm in Canadian agriculture", what conclusions or recommendations were reached by the study?

2. Was the Agricultural Economics section of the Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural Section of Statistics Canada asked to provide such background and, if not, for what reason?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. This contract did not seek specific conclusions or recommendations from the contractor with respect to the significance of the family farm in Canadian agriculture. The first objective was to draw together information on the nature and extent of different types of farm units in different parts of Canada; the second objective was to provide information on the economic and social significance of the family farm. This work involved discussions with representatives of farm organizations, provincial governments and universities and a review and analysis of research in these areas.

2. This assignment entailed field work and research within a time-frame that was beyond the staff resources available within the department. While information from Statistics Canada was utilized, the scope and nature of the project was outside the services normally provided to other departments by Statistics Canada.

## BILINGUAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Question No. 538—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Will the Commission of Inquiry into Bilingual Air Traffic Control resume its hearings and, if so, on what date?

2. What is the deadline for its final report?

3. Does the government have a policy on bilingual air traffic control and, if so, what is such policy?

[Mr. Whelan.]

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Prime Minister's and Privy Council offices and Transport Canada as follows: 1. The co-commissioners are considering holding final public hearings after the full report on the study conducted by the Department of Transport based on the use of an air traffic control electronic simulator is officially received. This is expected soon.

2. According to order in council, PC 1976-1588, giving terms of reference for the co-commissioners, they "shall submit a final report with all reasonable dispatch and within ninety days of the receipt of the final results of the study based on the use of the air traffic control electronic simulator".

3. Yes. This policy is to progressively expand the use of bilingual aeronautical communications in the province of Quebec, while respecting the existing levels of air safety.

## SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE—NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Question No. 662—**Mr. Neil:**

1. How many persons are on staff in the office of the Special Representative of the Prime Minister for constitutional development in the Northwest Territories and where are they located?

2. Since its inception, what are the amounts of the operating budgets for the office and what is the projected budget for the next fiscal year?

3. Is the Honourable Bud Drury, Chairman of the National Capital Commission, paid a salary as the Prime Minister's Special Representative and, if so, in what amount?

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):**

1. Resources Building, Yellowknife	6
151 Sparks Street, Ottawa	5
2. 1 November 1977—31 March 1978	\$87,000
1 April 1978—31 March 1979 Estimate	\$333,000
3. No.	

[English]

**Mr. Pinard:** I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Paproski:** Mr. Speaker, since we have only two or three days left before the Christmas recess—I hope—I think the parliamentary secretary should do much better.

While I am on my feet, I would hope that this House would congratulate Diane Jones-Konihowski as the super woman athlete of the year. After all, Edmonton has again excelled.

**Mr. Speaker:** I certainly have no difficulty in understanding the relevancy of that last comment to the questions on the order paper. There must be one which relates to that achievement, I am sure.

**Mr. Pinard:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will notice that we have today answered three questions in the name of Mr. Wise. I understand he is not wise.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.