CBC COVERAGE OF OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Question No. 1,899—Mr. Matte:

Did CBC cover the meeting of the Olympic Committee held recently in Amsterdam, and, if so, did the technical crew responsible for the film sequence come from Toronto or from Montreal and for what reasons?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: Yes. As a matter of convenience, European-based technical crews were used by CBC French and English services. In addition to a local Dutch crew, technical crews were sent to Amsterdam from CBC offices in London and Paris.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE—DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Question No. 1,905—Mr. Robinson:

1. Does the Department of National Defence have data processing equipment (automatic) and, if so, for how long?

2. What was the initial cost of the equipment?

3. What yearly costs are anticipated for data processing in the Department?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes, data processing equipment has been used since 1942; in Defence Research Board since 1956.

2. The initial equipment was rented. Defence Research Board's records for 1956 no longer exist.

3. In the fiscal year 1970-71 the forecast cost for data processing is estimated to be $3.287 million.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—COMPUTERS USED IN OPERATIONS

Question No. 1,917—Mr. Robinson:

1. Does the Department of National Defence have the use of a computer in its operations and, if so, to what extent is it utilized?

2. Is the computer programmed 24 hours per day and, if not, for what reason?

3. What is the number of hours planned for utilization of the computer?

4. What has been the annual cost of computer services for each year 1960 to 1970 inclusive?

5. How many programmes are in preparation for the computer at the present time and how will each affect the efficiency of the Department?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. The Canadian Armed Forces have many computers in operations ranging from the SAGE facility at North Bay to guidance systems in individual weapons. The Defence Research Board also has a number of computers of varying capacity in its establishments to carry out research programs.

2, 3, 4 and 5. Since the computers used by the Canadian Armed Forces are considered to be integral parts of the systems to which they belong, their use, measured in hours per day, varies with the training programs, operations, etc. involved. Those used by Defence Research Board are considered to be tools in the research activity and are selected and used to maximize the efficiency of the research program. The costs of computer services are allotted as part of the costs of the scientific program and are not maintained as separate items.

REPAYMENT OF LOAN BY GREAT BRITAIN

Question No. 1,920—Mr. Matte:

Has Great Britain repaid the money borrowed from Canada during the last war and, if so, how were the repayments made?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): In 1942 Canada made an interest-free loan of $700 million to the United Kingdom. The loan represented the funding of advances made to the government of the United Kingdom in 1941 and 1942, prior to the establishment of the wartime Mutual Aid arrangements. Repayment was deferred until the end of the war, though the total outstanding was reduced both during the war and after by crediting against it the Canadian dollar proceeds of Canadian securities sold, or surrendered for redemption, by U.K. residents. After this provision came to an end in 1953, the outstanding balance of $150 million was repaid in 20 equal quarterly instalments, ending on December 1, 1958.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS— SEMINAR "ACCESS TO INFORMATION"

Question No. 1,954—Mr. Coates:

1. Was the Department of Communications involved in the arrangements for a seminar called "Access to Information" held at Carleton University on May 15?

2. What was the purpose of the seminar, how many invitations were issued and how many attended the seminar?

3. Was the reception associated with the seminar held before or after the actual seminar or was there a reception both before and after and, if so, what was the cost of the reception and what portion of this cost was the responsibility of the Department of Communications?