

Senator CONNOLLY: Perhaps it might help at this point, with Senator Isnor's permission, to put on the record the relative position of the Department of National Defence, the Department of Defence Production and the particular agency known as Defence Construction Limited.

General YOUNG: Should you not get that from the Deputy Minister?

Senator CONNOLLY: I think you could tell us.

Senator ISNOR: I think you could go even beyond that with regard, for instance, to the Department of Transport, which I would like to know something about.

General YOUNG: The Department of Transport have their complete construction organization.

Senator ISNOR: Now we are coming to something we will have to discuss in the future, whether the Defence Department or any other department should have a complete construction branch, or whether the work should come under the Department of Public Works.

Senator ASELTINE: Do you think there might be duplication?

Senator ISNOR: There is bound to be.

Senator CONNOLLY: I don't like to interfere, but in the case of Defence Construction Limited, does it do the planning and construction for the armed services?

General YOUNG: The preliminary planning is done by the armed service concerned, that is the Navy, Army and Air Force, all have their own planners, architects and engineers. When the proposal goes to Defence Production they complete the drawings, or call in outside engineers and architects.

Senator CONNOLLY: You say when it goes to the Defence Production—

General YOUNG: They do the job.

Senator CONNOLLY: But who handles it? Is it the Defence Construction Limited?

General YOUNG: Yes, the Defence Construction Limited.

Senator CONNOLLY: And there are architects and engineers in that branch too?

General YOUNG: Yes.

Senator CONNOLLY: General Young, would you say anything as to the special requirements or the defence requirements for that kind of organization.

General YOUNG: I would think Public Works could do it.

Senator CONNOLLY: There isn't anything special about the requirement of the services, which is different from that of any other department, is that not so?

General YOUNG: I am expressing my own personal opinion now on this point.

Senator ISNOR: That is the very point I was going to bring out when Senator Connolly stepped in; I am pleased to have him bring it out so clearly. I am of the opinion that we are going to have to face that situation in the future, if our Department of Public Works is to function the way it should.

May I go a step further with regard to Defence Construction. Do they purchase the furniture and equipment for the buildings which they construct?

General YOUNG: We purchase the office furniture and equipment for office buildings in the urban areas; we do not purchase equipment and furniture for the camps.

Senator ISNOR: The so-called main buildings, such as barracks—