

permit such questions to be put down, the government will not answer them.

VIRUS LABORATORY

Question No. 2,600—**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):**

Will a new virus laboratory be constructed by the Department of Public Works in Ottawa and, if so (a) what will be the exact location (b) on what date will construction begin (c) what will be the nearest residential communities and the distance between each community and the laboratory (d) are there public health considerations and, if so, how will they be met?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): The Department of Agriculture has identified a requirement for an animal virus laboratory, and has been discussing its provision with the Department of Public Works. However, no final decision has been taken yet on the location of this facility: Ottawa or some other city.

"LAND/TERRE" NEWSLETTERS

Question No. 2,622—**Mr. Stewart:**

Did the Department of the Environment pay \$48,000 to J. Phillip Nicholson, Ottawa, for four Lands Directorate newsletters and, if so (a) what is the newsletter (b) what was the number distributed (c) to whom was it distributed (d) what services did Mr. Nicholson perform?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of the Environment and Supply and Services as follows: Yes. A contract was awarded to J. Phillip Nicholson, policy management consultant, Ottawa, Ontario, on May 7, 1981, for \$48,000 for four Lands Directorate newsletters entitled "Land/Terre" in English and French.

- (a) The Land/Terre newsletter was planned as a principal source of contact between and among all professionals, academics and interest groups concerned with Canada's land resources. It has been designed to provide a national view and accounting of events, issues and discoveries at all levels across the country.
- (b) To date, there have been three issues of Land/Terre. The numbers distributed for each issue are as follows: Volume 1, No. 1: 7,000 English and 1,100 French; Volume 1, No. 2: 10,500 English and 1,800 French; and Volume 2, No. 1: 10,500 English and 2,000 French. The fourth issue was distributed in August, 1981.
- (c) The newsletter has been distributed to the following: professional planners, land managers and researchers; government officers and senior managers; municipal, provincial and federal elected representatives; non-government special interest groups; educational institutes and professionals; publishers; reporters; and private individuals.
- (d) Production of four separate 12-page English and French issues of Land/Terre (Lands Directorate Newsletter) and delivery of 10,500 English and 2,000 French copies each of the four newsletters. Included in the work is the planning of contents and stories, research-

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ing and drafting stories and articles, editing the English copy, supervising the layout design, graphic design, illustration, and production of the text; as well as execution of graphic design, illustration and layout to produce camera-ready copies.

ASSISTANCE—FARM CREDIT CORPORATION

Question No. 2,623—**Mr. Flis:**

1. By province, what is the number of farmers who applied to the Farm Credit Corporation for assistance and what number (a) received (b) did not receive assistance?

2. For what reasons was the assistance refused?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Farm Credit Corporation advises: 1.

Province	Requests for loan	(a) Received loan	Process of being reviewed	Voluntarily decided not to proceed	(b) Declined by FCC
B.C.	319	75	23	104	117
Alta.	1441	376	157	233	675
Sask.	2398	718	415	428	837
Man.	821	253	115	103	350
Ont.	2240	458	429	379	974
Que.	1319	302	254	302	461
Alt.	235	105	24	17	89

2. Principal occupation would not be farming after loan, does not qualify for phase-in loan; purpose for which loan funds were requested does not fall within FCC lending policy; loan request refused as applicant already had a viable unit or had sufficient resources to obtain financing elsewhere.

ACCIDENT IN CÔTE STE. CATHERINE LOCK

Question No. 2,627—**Mr. Benjamin:**

1. Did the Department of Transport or the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority investigate or prepare a report on the accident in the Côte Ste. Catherine lock at 1700, November 28, 1980 involving the *Ungava Transport* and the *Canari* and, if so, what were the findings of the investigation or report?

2. Were there any damages and was any liability assessed?

3. Did the department or the authority bill the owner or operator of either vessel and, if so, for what amount and what was the name of the owner or operator?

4. To the knowledge of the government, what is the safety record of Halco and the record of its involvement in marine incidents and accidents?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. The Coast Guard and the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority investigated this casualty, which occurred at 16:54 November 29 (not 28 as noted in the question), 1980. The findings of the inquiry were that the casualty was caused by an incorrect engine movement, to which the ship's staff was not alerted, due to a malfunction in the alarm equipment. The *Ungava Transport* could not be held by the mooring wires and continued ahead, being stopped when the bow struck the lock breast wall. The yacht *Canari* ahead of the tanker in the lock, was struck in the stern and then was swept aside in the forward movement.