

## Questions

2. If the answer to Part (1) is negative, are Canadian Naval Reserve personnel being asked if they wish to purchase Canadian Forces uniforms and, if so (a) on what basis (b) what percentage of total strength expressed a desire to purchase new uniforms?

**Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** 1. No, as indicated in *Hansard* of October 22, 1969, page 11689, the issue of the new uniform to Reserve personnel will not commence until after completion of the Regular Force issue program.

2. No, however all officers and men of the Reserve Forces are authorized to wear the new Canadian Forces' uniform under current regulations. Those wishing to outfit themselves ahead of the issue program may do so but will not be reimbursed. None have been canvassed to express an opinion in regard to the purchase of new uniforms.

## ALBERTA—ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN PEOPLE IN STAGING CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Question No. 1,991—**Mr. Sulatycky:**

Is the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development contemplating a program of assistance to the Indian people of Southern Alberta in staging centennial celebrations marking the signing of Treaty No. 7?

**Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** The Department has received a request for funds to enable a Committee of Indian people to hire Communication Workers whose purpose would be to organize Centennial Celebrations marking the signing of Treaty No. 7. The Chairman has been informed that the Department is not in a position to provide the funds they have requested for that specific purpose. The Department has however, provided Cultural Grants this year to three of the five Bands concerned. The total value of these Grants is \$18,661 and they are for the purpose of promoting, for example, the annual "Indian Days" celebrations; the development of Indian dancing and language and providing native dress. In conversation with officials of the Department, members of the Committee have agreed to discuss their plans with Regional and District Officers to see how Departmental projects and expenditures planned for the next few years might be administered so that they would fit into their plans.

[Mr. MacLean.]

## DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION—DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Question No. 1,992—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Regional Economic Expansion 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. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** 1. Yes, three years.

2. \$405,000.

3. \$750,000.

## DEPARTMENT OF SOLICITOR GENERAL—USE OF COMPUTER

Question No. 1,997—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of the Solicitor General 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?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Acting Solicitor General):** 1. The Department of the Solicitor General does not have the exclusive use of a computer in its operations; computer services being obtained as required from the Computer Services Bureau of the Department of Supply and Services.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

4. 1960/61 to 1967/68, Nil; 1968/69, \$8,496.78; 1969/70, \$78,266.73.

5. Five programs are being used in the development and testing of techniques in financial and personnel accounting and records; and for inmate and police information records.

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