

2. How many contracts were (a) for less than one year (b) for one to two years (c) over two years?
3. How many contracts were let outside the National Capital Region?
4. What was the total cost of all such contracts?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):

1. 35.
2. (a) 31;
(b) 3;
(c) 1.
3. 13.
4. \$181,027.

THEFT OF TELLUROMETER

Question No. 715—Mr. Clarke:

1. With reference to the uninsured losses of more than \$1,000 of equipment recorded by the Department of Public Works in footnote number 11 at page 12.62, Volume I of the 1978-79 Public Accounts of Canada (a) what is a tellurometer and how is it used by the department (b) was the thief apprehended (c) what was the result of the investigatory steps undertaken by the department (d) in what location did the loss occur?
2. Did the department undertake steps to ensure that such a loss does not recur and, if so, what were they?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works):

1. (a) A tellurometer is a device that measures distance by means of microwaves for land survey work.
(b) No.
(c) RCMP and Campbellton police investigated and were unable to determine who stole the property.
(d) Campbellton, N.B.
2. Regional directives regarding security of government property have been amended to include instructions for care and safe custody of equipment.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE—PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Question No. 717—Mr. Clarke:

1. With reference to the uninsured losses of more than \$1,000 due to damages of contents recorded by the Department of Agriculture at page 12.62, Volume I of the 1978-79 Public Accounts of Canada, for what reason was the loss of \$20,000 unexplained?
2. What is the explanation for the loss?
3. On what dates and in what locations did the losses take place?
4. Did the department undertake procedural or structural changes to ensure that such losses do not recur and, if so, what were they?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. The location, identification of buildings and estimated cost of damage sustained is all that is required to be reported for the Public Accounts of Canada. All fire losses are reported in detail to the Dominion Fire Commissioner.

2. A fire of unknown origin destroyed a hay barn containing 325 tons of hay.

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3. November 6, 1978, at the Animal Research Institute, Greenbelt Farm, Nepean, Ontario.

4. An investigation by the Regional Fire Commissioner's office could find no cause for the fire and deemed it accidental from an unknown origin. The facility will be rebuilt by Public Works Canada in accordance with current National Fire and Building Codes of Canada.

Question No. 718—Mr. Clarke:

1. With reference to the losses of more than \$1,000 due to damages to buildings recorded by the Department of Agriculture at page 12.62, Volume I of the 1978-79 Public Accounts of Canada, for what reason was the loss of \$54,934 unexplained?
2. What is the explanation for the loss?
3. On what dates and in what locations did the losses take place?
4. Did the department undertake procedural or structural changes to ensure that such losses do not recur and, if so, what were they?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. The location, identification of buildings and estimated cost of damage sustained is all that is required to be reported for the Public Accounts of Canada. All fire losses are reported in detail to the Dominion Fire Commissioner.

2. A fire of unknown origin destroyed a hay barn.

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4. An investigation by the Regional Fire Commissioner's office could find no cause for the fire and deemed it accidental from an unknown origin. The facility will be rebuilt by Public Works Canada in accordance with current National Fire and Building Codes of Canada.

MINISTRY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Question No. 746—Mr. Shields:

Since August 1, 1978, how many (a) administrative (b) policy consultants were under contract to the Ministry of State for Economic Development and/or any boards, commissions or corporations reporting to the minister and, in each case, what amount was paid to them?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Ministry of State for Economic Development:

(a) 4 — R. Woodbridge	\$15,415
M. Fraser	225
P. Bridges-Palmer	14,464
T. Young	488
(b) 3 — V. Chapin	20,127
Nicholson Policy and Management Consultants	8,500
Nepean Development Consultants	13,800

Northern Pipeline Agency:

- (a) 29—See list below.
- (b) None.