

## Order Paper Questions

[Text]

## MIRABEL AIRPORT

Question No. 1,830—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. Will Mirabel Airport suffer a deficit of nearly \$50 million by the end of this fiscal year and, if so, for what reason has there been a significant revenue shortfall?

2. For what reasons did Mirabel planners not adjust the Airport's financial plans to take into account the shift in DOT policy which diverted some foreign airline landing rights from Montreal to Toronto?

3. If present conditions remain the same, what will be the projected Mirabel Airport deficit for the fiscal year 1977-78?

4. (a) What avenues is the government presently exploring to lower the Mirabel Airport deficit (b) can an announcement be expected for an airport policy change and, if so, on what date?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** 1. Yes, the forecast deficit is \$47,500,000. This forecast deficit includes an amount of \$43,000,000 carried as the interest charges on the construction costs. Revenues have not reached forecasted levels due to the fact that actual aircraft movement at the Airport was not as great as forecast. One contributing factor was the general downturn in North Atlantic sector traffic for the period in question. In addition connecting flights between Mirabel and other domestic points did not provide a good level of service, in terms of frequency and scheduling.

2. During the development of the Mirabel Airport the financial plans were adjusted periodically to take into account many factors such as construction costs, inflation and anticipated airport activity which included changes due to foreign carriers being granted landing rights in Toronto. Landing rights for some foreign airlines were not diverted from Montreal to Toronto but extended to include the right to serve both Montreal and Toronto.

3. The following financial information has been extracted from the 1977/78 Main Estimates. Operating and Maintenance Costs, \$25,403,000; Forecast Revenues, \$29,301,000; Surplus, \$3,898,000; Amortization, Depreciation and Interest Charges, \$60,458,000; Net Loss, \$56,560,000.

4. (a) A number of avenues are being studied at the present time to decrease the Mirabel Airport deficit. (i) Mirabel Airport is funded through the Airport Revolving Fund of Transport Canada. The structure of this fund and the means whereby the airports in the fund can be made financially viable are being studied. It is expected that the results of this study will be available by the summer of 1977. (ii) It is anticipated that traffic growth on the North Atlantic will generate new revenue. (iii) Landing fees and other common system charges were increased during the present fiscal year and have contributed to generating additional revenue. (iv) Operating and maintenance procedures at Mirabel are con-

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● (1530)

**Mr. Speaker:** I therefore declare the motion lost.

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## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,830, 1,976, 2,023, 2,069, 2,086, 2,166, 2,217, 2,220 and 2,351.