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the event of a five day delivery week being introduced on rural routes, all contracts for these services would have to be renegotiated. However, rural routes are not being placed on a five day week.

**AIR CANADA RESERVATIONS FOR CARIBBEAN AREA**

**Question No. 342—Mr. Nesbitt:**

1. Do resort hotels, travel agencies and related organizations in the Caribbean area and the Bahamas make reservations on Air Canada months in advance and, if so, are these reservations made in individual names or in the names of a hotel or agency?

2. How many months in advance are these bookings made and for what months are most of them made?

3. Is any deposit paid by hotels or agencies making these bookings?

4. What is the approximate percentage of passenger space on Air Canada flights to the Caribbean and the Bahamas booked by the above-mentioned methods?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** The management of Air Canada advises as follows: 1. Not generally. However, periodic individual reservations could be made by name, without any unusual booking trend being noted by Air Canada, but the number of such reservations would be minimal.

2, 3 and 4. Not applicable in view of reply to 1.

**AIRPORT SUBSIDIES**

**Question No. 376—Mr. Laprise:**

During the fiscal years 1966-67 and 1967-68, how much was granted in subsidies for the improvement and construction of local airports and what are the estimates for the current year for each of the provinces?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** 1. The following amounts have been granted in subsidies for the improvement and construction of local airports. 1966-67: \$230,369; 1967-68: \$930,102.

2. The total approvals in principle based on applications received which have been favourably rated, for the current fiscal year for local airport subsidies by provinces, are as follows: Newfoundland, Nil; Prince Edward Island, Nil; Nova Scotia, Nil; New Brunswick, Nil; Quebec, \$333,000; Ontario, \$270,176; Manitoba, Nil; Saskatchewan, \$40,000; Alberta, \$82,477; British Columbia, \$29,000.

[Mr. Kierans.]

**HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS**

**Question No. 381—Mr. Rynard:**

1. How many of the provinces, if any, have used up their entire federal capital construction grants for hospital construction?

2. How many hospitals in Canada are (a) under construction (b) have been constructed, or (c) will be constructed which will not receive the benefits of the federal capital construction grants?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of National Health and Welfare as follows: 1. The province of Alberta has claimed its full allotment under the hospital construction grant program for the fiscal year 1968-69.

2. (a) As of October 21, 1968, 144 hospitals in Canada were receiving assistance for construction, other than renovation of existing facilities, under the terms of the hospital construction grant program. (b) As of October 21, 1968, 949 hospitals in Canada had completed construction projects, other than renovation of existing facilities, and received final federal payment under the terms of the hospital construction grant program. (c) Not known.

**INMATE ACTIVITIES BUILDING, SPRINGHILL INSTITUTION**

**Question No. 403—Mr. Coates:**

1. On what date was the initial work completed on the construction of the Inmate Activities Building at the Young Offenders Penal Institution at Springhill, Nova Scotia?

2. On what date were faults discovered in the construction of this building and on what date was an investigation carried out, who were the members of the investigating team and on what date was a decision rendered as to liability for the faults in question?

3. On what date did Simpson Construction Limited initiate repairs to the faults in question, have these faults been repaired and, if so, when will this building be turned over to the Canadian Penitentiary Service for use and, if not, on what date will this work be completed?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. The work has not yet been fully completed. Some electrical, mechanical and painting work is still to be finished.

2. Faults in beam seats were discovered January 18, 1968. An investigation was carried out January 24, 1968 by Mr. C. E. Seamone of C. D. Davison & Company (consultant for the department) and Mr. A. H.