

*Order Paper Questions*SASKATCHEWAN RESIDENTS APPOINTED TO GOVERNMENT
BOARDS OF DIRECTORSQuestion No. 2,755—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

In each year since 1968, were Saskatchewan residents appointed to government boards of directors or the equivalent by Order in Council or to the boards of government agencies and Crown corporations and, if so, in each case, what (a) is his/her name (b) was the salary or per diem payment received?

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POST OFFICES IN TERRITORIES

Question No. 2,756—**Mr. Nielsen:**

1. How many post offices are in the (a) Yukon Territory (b) Northwest Territories?

2. What is the grade of each post office?

3. How many personnel are employed in each post office and, in each case, what is his/her (a) grade or classification (b) salary?

4. In each case, what amount is paid for (a) rental (b) costs, other than rental of premises, and for what goods or services are such amounts paid?

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GRANTS TO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE MINORITY GROUPS

Question No. 2,781—**Mr. Neil:**

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1974-75 (b) 1975-76 (c) 1976-77, what was the total amount of grants paid under the Official Language Minority Groups Directorate, Secretary of State Department?

2. For the same years, what was the name of the recipient and the amount in each case?

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PHASE II ALLOCATIONS UNDER CANADA WORKS PROGRAM

Question No. 3,005—**Mr. Alexander:**

In calculating Phase II allocations under the Canada Works Programme, for each constituency, what was the (a) labour surplus (i) number of beneficiaries (ii) number of unemployed Inuit (iii) number of unemployed Status Indians on Reserves and Crown lands (iv) number of unemployed Non-Status Indians and Metis (v) total labour surplus (b) labour force (c) labour surplus rate?

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[Translation]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the answers to starred questions Nos. 1,992, 2,773 and 2,839 are lengthy, so I ask the consent of the House to have them printed in the official record of the House of Commons as if they had been read.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. parliamentary secretary is now seeking the same result with respect to the starred questions which he just enumerated. Is it the pleasure of the House that the said starred questions be treated in that way?

[Mr. Elzinga.]

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's Note: The answers to the starred questions enumerated are as follows:]

*CRTC HEARINGS—ALLEGED BIASED NEWS REPORTING BY CBC

Question No. 1,992—**Mr. Jones:**

1. Was there a CRTC hearing with respect to the English speaking Radio Station CFCF Montreal and, if so (a) what facts led to such hearing (b) what were the findings and decision of CRTC?

2. Have (a) Members of Parliament (b) Cabinet Ministers complained in the House of Commons with respect to allegations of biased news reporting by the CBC French Network, Radio Canada and, if so, in each case (i) how many (ii) what is his/her name?

3. Does CRTC plan a similar inquiry, investigation and hearing of alleged biased news reporting on the CBC French Network, Radio Canada and, if not, do such hearings by CRTC only apply to minority English speaking radio stations in Quebec?

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): I am informed by the Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission and the Department of the Secretary of State as follows: 1. Yes. On March 31, 1976. (a) The reasons for that hearing are exposed in its Public Announcement of January 12, "CFCF and Bill 22" and in its Notice of Public Hearing of February 23, 1976 for the Renewal of licence of CFCF. (b) The results and conclusions of CRTC are given in Decision 77-121 (February 24, 1977) and the accompanying Public Announcement "REPORT ON ISSUES RAISED BY CFCF'S ANTI BILL 22 CAMPAIGN".

2. During the period of November 15, 1976 (the Quebec election) to March 4, 1977, there have been no direct references or allegations in the House of Commons to biased news reporting on the French Service Division of the CBC by federal Members of Parliament or Cabinet Ministers. There have been, however, a number of questions concerning charges of bias in CBC programming. The following can be found in *Hansard*: February 18, 1977, page 3188; February 25, 1977, page 3419; March 4, 1977, page 3660.

3. In its Press Release of March 8, 1977 and its Public Notice of March 14, 1977 "COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY INTO THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING SERVICE" the Commission decided to undertake an inquiry and stated three major principles to be safeguarded during this Inquiry: "The first is the principle of freedom of expression, restricted only by specific legal requirements and prohibitions. Second, professional ethics and competence are paramount. Discrimination by reason of race, national origin, colour, religion, sex, or political views has no place in broadcasting. And thirdly, the Commission reaffirms its commitment to the principle of public broadcasting in Canada". Also "The Commission determined that the Committee's mandate should be as follows: (i) The Committee will examine and take into consideration all representations from the public submitted in response to this Announcement. The appeal to the public is based on the fact that the national broadcasting service in its entirety is owned and maintained by the people of Canada; (ii) The Committee will conduct interviews with members of the CBC and of the