

scenery. Some pictures included the Prime Minister. In two instances, the arrangements were initiated at the request of students; and others by Mr. O'Connell. In all cases, arrangements were concluded with the school authorities. Mr. O'Connell is paid on a monthly basis without deduction for time missed during conventional office hours nor with any additional compensation for evenings or weekends worked.

5. The Prime Minister will leave the matter entirely to Mr. O'Connell's discretion.

6. See answer to question No. 2311 on page 5960 of *Hansard* for July 25, 1973.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS

Question No. 434—**Mr. Howie:**

Have any studies been authorized or completed concerning the amalgamation of the Turks and Caicos Islands with Canada and have the potential off-shore mineral and resource benefits of these islands in this region been considered?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The question of a political association of the Turks and Caicos Islands with Canada has been reviewed and a statement of the government's position on this matter was tabled in the House on April 10. No study has been made of the potential off-shore mineral or other resources of these islands.

CFB, GAGETOWN, N.B.—CONSTRUCTION ON EXTENSION TO COMBAT ARMS TRAINING SCHOOL

Question No. 451—**Mr. Howie:**

1. On what date is construction on the extension to the Combat Arms Training School facilities at CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick planned for commencement?

2. On what date is the tender expected to be called and what is the estimated value of the project?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. No date has been set for the commencement of construction on the extension to the Combat Arms Training School facilities at CFB Gagetown, as the development of the project is only in the preliminary stages.

2. In view of the above, the date when tenders will be called and the value of the project, cannot be stated at this time.

AIRCRAFT—NUMBER OF MILES FLOWN BY ARGUS, 1963-73

Question No. 535—**Mr. McKinnon:**

How many total nautical miles were flown by all our Argus aircraft, for any purpose, during each calendar year 1963 through 1973?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The Department of National Defence does not record or calculate distances flown by military aircraft in miles but in terms of hours flown. The following table gives the hours flown for the years in question and an approximation of the mileage based on an average true airspeed of 180 knots.

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Year	Hours Flown	Calculation	Approximate Mileage
63-64	25,375	= 180 =	4,567,500 nautical miles
64-65	22,382	= 170 =	4,028,760 nautical miles
65-66	21,738	= 180 =	3,912,840 nautical miles
66-67	21,523	= 180 =	3,874,140 nautical miles
67-68	24,234	= 180 =	4,362,120 nautical miles
68-69	24,937	= 180 =	4,488,660 nautical miles
69-70	28,040	= 180 =	5,047,200 nautical miles
70-71	28,511	= 180 =	5,131,980 nautical miles
71-72	26,951	= 180 =	4,851,180 nautical miles
72-73	25,871	= 180 =	4,656,780 nautical miles

CBC—TV STATION IN SEPT-ÎLES

Question No. 579—**Mr. Blouin:**

With the completion of construction of the Telesat onshore stations in Sept-Îles and Fort Chimo, in the constituency of Manicouagan, on what date does CBC expect to have a television station in Sept-Îles with a French and an English network and is an extension of these networks planned east of Sept-Îles i.e. on the medium and lower North Coast?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the CBC as follows: The French transmitter CBST Sept-Îles came into service on October 23, 1973, but the construction of studios is dependent on the eventual acquisition of a site in that town. The French TV network will be extended eastward towards Rivière-au-Tonnerre next September. Revised applications for VHF channels at Natashquan/Aguanish and La Romaine have been forwarded to CRTC, together with an application for Baie Johann Beetz. In addition, the municipality of Blanc Sablon is included in the Accelerated Coverage Plan and a rebroadcast transmitter will be established there later. As for the English network, the CBC intends to submit applications to the CRTC in 1976 for the establishment of stations at Sept-Îles, Harrington Harbour, La Tabatière/Mutton Bay, St. Augustin/Saguenay, Old Fort Bay and Blanc Sablon.

FOOD EXPENDITURES AT FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTIONS

Question No. 637—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

1. What was the expenditure for food at federal penal institutions in 1973?

2. What was the expenditure for kitchen and dining hall staffs in 1973?

3. What was the charge per meal to penitentiary service staff members for meals at federal penal institutions in 1973?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): 1. \$5,102,335.

2. \$2,331,690.

3. Duty meal, nil; Non-duty meal, fifty cents.

NUMBER OF HOMICIDES IN FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTIONS, 1973

Question No. 639—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

1. How many homicides were reported at federal penal institutions in 1973?

2. How many at each institution?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): 1. Two.