

AIR CANADA—MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Question No. 730—**Mr. Caouette:**

Is Air Canada a member of the International Air Transport Association and, if so, (a) what is the amount of the membership paid to this organization (b) how is that amount arrived at (c) how many representatives does Air Canada have in this organization and how many of them are French-speaking Canadians and how many are English-speaking Canadians (d) what are their respective functions and remuneration on the various committees or boards of this organization (e) what is the role played by Air Canada in this organization (f) what is the total cost to Air Canada of its participation in this organization (g) has Air Canada exerted any pressure with a view to giving a French name to this organization (h) what steps does Air Canada intend to take with a view to giving a French name to this organization?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Yes, Air Canada is a member of the International Air Transport Association. (a) For the year 1965 Air Canada paid \$70,370 in dues; (b) Membership dues are calculated on the basis of a formula whereby the total budget of the International Air Transport Association is prorated among its members in proportion to their international operations, measured in terms of tonne-kilometres.

(c) No permanent representation is involved but special meetings are held from time to time. IATA has a number of specialized committees such as legal, technical, etc., the make up of which is reviewed annually. Serving on these committees, Air Canada has at this moment six people, all of whom speak English and one of whom speaks French. In addition designated personnel of Air Canada represent the company's interests at traffic conferences, and on various ad hoc committees.

(d) The function of personnel of Air Canada designated to one of the committees is to serve, as a committee-man, at the meetings of that committee, usually one per year; no remuneration is paid to these personnel with respect to their service on an IATA committee.

(e) The same as that of any other of the 99 member air carriers, i.e. to serve on functional committees, and convey its views to traffic conferences.

(f) The total cost to the company with respect to participation in IATA is \$70,370 in membership dues, plus the travelling expenses of its personnel attending committee meetings and traffic conferences.

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(g) and (h) The organization represents many countries and many languages and not just English or French although it has official names in French and Spanish as well as English.

C.M.H.C. LOANS FOR N.H.A. MORTGAGE BLOCKS

Question No. 731—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Has C.M.H.C. within the last year made any change in the regulations so as to provide funds for financing blocks of N.H.A. mortgages and, if so, when?

2. Have any loans been made on the basis of such regulations and to whom?

3. Were any of such funds loaned to the York Trust Company and, if so, how much and when?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour): 1, 2, and 3. No changes in the regulations were made by CMHC within the last year so as to provide funds for financing blocks of NHA mortgages. However, Section 11 of the National Housing Act permits CMHC to make loans to the holders of insured NHA mortgages taken in respect of loans made for housing. The purpose of this section of the Act is to encourage the banks, insurance companies, trust companies and other financial institutions to make NHA mortgage loans and to invest in existing mortgages, and to promote the development of a secondary market for NHA mortgages. To this end, those lending institutions and other dealers in mortgages which have made or purchased NHA mortgage loans are able to pledge them at any time with CMHC as security for short-term loans.

It would seriously inhibit the achievement of these purposes if any financial institution making use of the borrowing facilities provided in the Act had to expect that such information would be made public. Consequently, it is considered not to be in the public interest to provide information concerning any institution which may have borrowed under this legislation.

There can be no objection, of course, to making available information concerning the total amount of loans made under Section 11. During the year 1965 and up to the end of February, 1966, loans totalling \$29.95 million have been made; repayments amount to \$11.5 million, so that the total loan amount outstanding at February 28, 1966, was \$18.45 million.