

POULTRY PRODUCTION ASSISTANCE

Question No. 702—**Mr. Howie:**

Since April 1, 1977, what amount was paid to farmers in New Brunswick to assist with poultry production?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): In so far as Agriculture Canada and its agencies are concerned, the answer is: \$156,895.00 (estimated).

WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT EARNING SALARIES OVER \$20,000

Question No. 823—**Mr. Howie:**

On November 1, 1977, how many women in the government, excluding Crown corporations, were earning (a) \$30,000 and over (b) \$20,000 to \$30,000 annually?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: (a) 17 women; (b) 392 women.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—NEW BUILDINGS

Question No. 834—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. What is the projected cost of the buildings in regard to the move of the Department of Veterans Affairs Headquarters to Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island?

2. Have tenders been called on any aspect of the construction of such buildings?

Mr. Frank Maine (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works): 1. The projected cost of the building which will accommodate the Department of Veterans Affairs, headquarters, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, will be \$18,200,000.

2. No tenders have yet been called.

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR RCMP

Question No. 988—**Mr. Howie:**

Has the Department of Public Works completed plans for a regional RCMP headquarters at Fredericton, New Brunswick and, if so (a) what is the estimated cost of construction (b) on what date will construction begin (c) what is the estimated completion date?

Mr. Frank Maine (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works): To date, Department of Public Works has not received a request from RCMP to commence design and construction for a headquarters building in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

DOMINION FIRE COMMISSIONER—PERSONS UNDER CONTRACT

Question No. 993—**Mr. McKenzie:**

Are there persons under contract to the Dominion Fire Commissioner and, if so, what (a) are their names (b) is the nature of their work?

Mr. Frank Maine (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works):

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(a) Names

D. S. Watts

Claude Lamothe
& AssociatesAmyot, Bahl
& Brown

(b) Nature of Work

Fire Training Consultant in the
Pacific Region.Take-over of all sprinkler
systems at MAPP projects,
St-Laurent, Centre Ville.To evaluate fire safety
systems in high rise buildings.*[English]*

Mr. Andres: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. COSSITT—DELAY IN ANSWERING QUESTION NO. 45

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I wish to raise a very brief point of order with regard to question No. 45. This is a point of order I raised before. This question has not only been on the order paper since October 18 when this session began, but for a year before that. It asks how many public servants in the Public Service of Canada have been fingerprinted since January 1, 1972, an operation which the government, in answer to previous questions with regard to one department, the Unemployment Insurance Commission, has acknowledged is going on. I ask this question because it seems that those being fingerprinted are not just those in security positions such as in the Armed Forces and other security conscious positions, but people who are not in any way involved with security matters. Therefore it is a very serious question.

It is an invasion of the right of privacy of public servants of Canada that this is taking place. The government owes this House an accountability for having carried on and for still carrying on the business of fingerprinting public servants, many of whom have literally refused to go along with the procedure.

If the parliamentary secretary cannot supply the answer today as to when this can be answered, will he take it as notice and notify this House tomorrow when this question will be answered?

Mr. Andres: Mr. Speaker, I will certainly take notice of this question. All these questions are serious. We will have the answer for the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.