

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The cost of the survey has been calculated from records as 35 cents per pamphlet.

2. Ministers have indicated on numerous occasions the Government's concern about the high cost of drugs. Although data on comparative drug costs are being supplied regularly to the health profession by means of the Drug Bulletin sent to physicians, pharmacists, veterinarians and dentists, it was considered desirable to also provide information on drug costs directly to consumers, in order that they might be able to reap the economies which can result from comparison shopping.

3. The interests of the disadvantaged consumers of Canada are of concern to both the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Resources were provided by the Department of National Health and Welfare for the survey conducted in January of this year.

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES COVERING FLQ KIDNAPPERS OF JAMES CROSS

Question No. 106—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Has the government made any expenditures on the FLQ kidnappers deported to Cuba, and, if so, what amount?

2. Does the government pay compensation to Cuba in respect of these people and, if so, what is the annual amount?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. No, the Canadian Government has not made any expenditures on the FLQ kidnappers.

2. No, the Canadian Government does not pay compensation to the Government of Cuba in this matter.

DREDGING OPERATIONS—ST. LAWRENCE RIVER BETWEEN LÉVIS AND MONTMAGNY

Question No. 109—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

1. Are any dredging operations now in progress in the St. Lawrence between Lévis and Montmagny and, if so (a) what department is responsible for such operations (b) what is the probable duration of such operations?

2. Was a contract issued for the dredging and, if so (a) what company was awarded the contract (b) what is the total amount of the contract?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Yes. (a) Department of Transport. (b) A period of three years commencing summer 1971.

2. Yes. (a) Marine Industries Limited of Montreal, McNamara Corporation Limited of Willowdale and The J. P. Porter Company Limited of Montreal—joint venture. (b) 4 October, 1971. (c) \$20,860,000.

PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS ON TAX RETURN

Question No. 128—**Mr. Coates:**

1. How many copies of the White Paper on Taxation were produced, who produced them, and at what cost?

2. How many copies of the original Bill C-259 were produced, by whom, and at what cost?

3. How many amended versions of Bill C-259 were produced, by whom, and at what cost?

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4. What additional information was produced in pamphlet form with regard to the White Paper on Taxation and Bill C-259, who produced it, how many copies of each were produced, and at what cost?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Finance and Supply and Services, as follows: 1. The Canadian Printing Bureau printed 175,500 copies of the White Paper on Taxation at a total cost of \$61,668.55.

2. 14,585 copies of Bill C-259 were produced in First Reading form by the Printing Bureau at a cost of \$106,471.

3. Two amended versions: (a) Revised First Reading as amended by the Committee of the Whole, and, (b) Third Reading form were produced by the Printing Bureau. The revised First Reading cost was \$13,446, and the Third Reading is \$38,898.

4. Additional information on the White Paper and Bill C-259, all produced by the Canadian Government Printing Bureau, included: 5,800 copies of White Paper highlights, \$1,412.06; 140,000 copies of a Summary of 1971 Tax Reform Legislation, \$51,567.83; 19,000 copies of Highlights of the June 18 Budget Measures and Tax Reform Legislation, \$5,846.13.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—HIRING OF CONSULTANT

Question No. 130—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Has the Department of Transport, through its Corporate Planning Branch or any other branch, hired a consultant in strategic planning and, if so (a) what is the name of the consultant (b) what are his responsibilities (c) how long has he been in the employ of the Department (d) is he under a specific contract or on a *per diem* rate and in either case, what are the terms of the contract (e) what amount has he received to date in salary and expenses (f) what has he provided to the Department to date in planning and how many of the plans submitted have been utilized by the Department and in what manner?

2. On whose recommendation was this consultant employed and for what period of time will his services be required?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. (a) Yes. The name of the firm is Ernst & Ernst. (b) To provide professional assistance in the design, development and documentation of a comprehensive Strategic Planning System for the Canadian Air Transportation Administration. (c) Periodically since November 2, 1970. (d) Ernst and Ernst are under a specific contract. The terms specify per diem rates for specific services to be rendered. The rates vary according to the seniority of the consultants. (e) Since November 2, 1970 to date, Ernst and Ernst have received \$54,580 for consulting services rendered and were reimbursed \$5,738 for related travel and living expenses. (f) Assistance in establishing a comprehensive planning system for the Canadian Air Transportation Administration. Ernst and Ernst are not responsible for the actual preparation of plans.

2. The Department of Transport, Management Services Branch, conducted a search for a firm with the required capabilities. This search resulted in a contract with Ernst and Ernst. The contract expires March 31, 1972.