

## Questions

[English]

FISHERIES RESEARCH BOARD—POSITION OF  
CARETAKER AT FATTY BASIN PROJECTQuestion No. 1,869—**Mr. Barnett:**

1. Since January 1, 1970, was a tender called to fill the position of caretaker at the Fatty Basin project of the Fisheries Research Board on Useless Inlet and, if so, how many offers to fill this position were received?

2. Has the contract been awarded and, if so (a) to whom (b) over what period (c) what is the amount of remuneration *per annum*?

**Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** 1. Tender called to fill position of caretaker and 41 offers received.

2. Contract awarded. (a) Initial contract, Fred Fraser, Port Alberni, B.C.; Subsequent contract, C. Murphy, P.O. Box 1112, Ladysmith, B.C. (b) Period, (i) March 24 to April 10, 1970; (ii) April 21, 1970 to March 31, 1971. (c) (i) \$3,000 per annum; (ii) \$3,600 per annum.

\*CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD—CLOSURE OF  
POOL ACCOUNTS 1968-69Question No. 1,882—**Mr. Burton:**

On what date or dates were the Pool accounts for the 1968-69 crop year closed for (a) wheat (b) oats (c) barley, as managed by the Canadian Wheat Board?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** The answer to part (a) of the question is as follows. The 1968-69 Wheat Pool account has not yet been closed. The answer to part (b) of the question is March 13, 1970. The answer to part (c) of the question is February 13, 1970.

## LOANS GRANTED TO QUEBEC STUDENTS

Question No. 1,887—**Mr. Gauthier:**

1. Is the interest on loans granted to Quebec students refunded by the federal government?

2. What is the agreement with the Province of Quebec?

3. Can a student from Quebec get a loan guaranteed by the federal government?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** 1. The Province of Quebec does not participate in the Canada Student Loans Plan but operates its own student aid program. Under the legislation for the Canada Student Loans program provision is made for the payment of an alternate payment to non-participating provinces. The amount of alternate payment is calculated by multiplying the aggregate of all amounts paid to the lenders during the loan year, (i.e., interest payments on student

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loans made to students from participating provinces, loss claims paid on loans and fees for collections by lenders after payment of a claim) by the quotient obtained by dividing the estimated number of persons 18 to 24 years of age in the non-participating province by the estimated number of persons in the same age group in the participating provinces. For the loan year ended June 30, 1969, the payment made to Quebec under this arrangement was \$2,915,698.49.

2. The arrangements between the Federal Government and a non-participating province are those set out in the legislation as outlined in 1 above.

3. Under the legislation, participating provinces determine the persons to whom Certificates of Eligibility shall be issued and any loans made count against the allocation made to them under the legislation. Since the allocation to participating provinces is based upon the population aged 18-24 years, loans are normally made only to residents of the participating province concerned.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—DATA PROCESSING  
EQUIPMENTQuestion No. 1,892—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Finance have data processing equipment (automatic) and, if so, for how long?

2. What was the initial cost of the equipment?

3. What yearly costs are anticipated for data processing in the Department?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** 1. Computer services have been utilized on a service contract basis since 1967.

2. N/A

3. Estimated \$60,000 for fiscal year 1970-71.

## \*CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES

Question No. 1,900—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

In how many instances have closures of post offices been made in constituencies represented by Members supporting (a) the Liberals (b) the Conservatives (c) the NDP (d) the Social Credit?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** The answer to the first question is during the period of 25 June, 1968 to May 31, 1970. (a) 522; (b) 601; (c) 92; (d) 81.

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Question No. 1,901—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. By province, how many post offices have been closed by order and direction of the government?