

Order Paper Questions

APPLICATION OF BEOTHIC BROADCASTING FOR LICENCE TO OPERATE AM RADIO STATION

Question No. 1,792—**Mr. Crosbie:**

1. Was an application made to the Canadian Radio-Television Commission by Mr. Colin Jamieson of St. John's, Newfoundland on behalf of a company to be incorporated to be known as Beothic Broadcasting for a licence to operate a 25,000 Watt AM radio station in St. John's on a frequency of 850 and, if so (a) on what date was it first received by the CRTC (b) did any revisions have to be made in it before acceptance and, if so, on what date was the revised application received (c) on what date was the hearing now set for March 1, 1977 before the CRTC first advertised in the (i) Canada Gazette (ii) newspapers circulating in the general area of St. John's, Newfoundland?

2. Does CRTC have established policies to ensure competition and widely held ownership in the radio and TV media in Canada and the provinces and, if so, what are they?

3. Does CRTC attempt to prevent corporate concentrations of ownership and family concentrations of ownership in the field of licensing radio and TV stations and, if so, what is the policy and how is it applied?

Mr. Ross Milne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has submitted the following: 1. Yes. (a) November 4, 1976; (b) The application as such was not revised and resubmitted. Additional information was requested and received to be added to the application. Any application may be revised at any time prior to gazetting. (c) (i) January 24, 1977; (ii) February 1, 1977.

2. Anyone can apply to establish a broadcasting undertaking. Persons wishing to apply are reminded of certain eligibility requirements laid down by the Governor-in-Council (in P.C. 1969-02229 and as amended in P.C. 1972-1569). The commission would consider any application meeting these eligibility requirements. The commission has asked for applications from anyone meeting these requirements to establish: (a) third TV services in various locations (Vancouver, Edmonton, Montreal, Quebec). (b) Cable systems in many areas. (c) FM stations following the FM policy.

3. The commission has frequently expressed the view that while the Canadian Broadcasting system will of necessity contain a certain number of large units, there must be maintained within it a degree of diversity of ownership etc. This view is expressed in commission's decisions CRTC 72-316 and CRTC 68-39.

CJON RADIO AND TV STATIONS OWNED AND OPERATED BY NEWFOUNDLAND BROADCASTING COMPANY LTD.

Question No. 1,794—**Mr. Crosbie:**

1. How many (a) radio (b) TV stations of CJON Radio and Television Network owned and operated by Newfoundland Broadcasting Company Limited are licensed and operate in Newfoundland and Labrador and where are they located?

2. How many FM radio station licences have been issued to CJON Radio and TV Network or to the Newfoundland Broadcasting Company Limited or whatever company or companies control the CJON network?

3. Who are the owners of the issued shares of the Newfoundland Broadcasting Company Limited or whatever company or companies own and control and operate the CJON Radio and TV Network and if the shares are held in the name of a trustee or trustees who are the beneficial owners?

4. How many shares of the Company or companies are owned (a) by Mr. Geoffrey Stirling (b) beneficially by the Honourable Donald Jamieson?

[Mr. Goodale.]

5. Is Colin Jamieson the owner of any share or shares in the Company or companies?

Mr. Ross Milne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has submitted the following: 1. (a) Five (AM) radio undertakings; (b) 22 TV undertakings; AM radio undertakings: CJCR Gander, CJOX Grand Bank, CJCJ Grand Falls, CJON St. John's, CJNW Musgravetown; TV undertakings: CJAP-TV Argentia; CJCJ-TV Clarenville; CJLW-TV Deer Lake; CJOX-TV-1 Grand Bank; CJWN-TV-6 Irishtown; CJMA-TV Marystown; CJPQ-TV Port-aux-Basques; CJRR-TV Red Rocks; CJON-TV St. John's; CJON-TV-4 St. John's; CJSV Stephenville; CJWB-TV Bonavista; CJWN-TV Corner Brook; CJGN-TV Gander; CJCJ-TV Grand Falls; CJLN-TV Lawn; CJWN-TV-5 Pasadena; CJRA-TV Ramea; CJST-TV St. Albans; CJON-TV-5 St. John's; CJSH-TV St. Shotts; CJSC-TV Swift Current.

2. Nine FM licences have been issued to Newfoundland Broadcasting Company Limited.

3. G. W. Stirling, G. Scott Stirling, Alan Waters and A. C. Lloyd Hudson hold the issued shares, however, the share issued to G. Scott Stirling is beneficially owned by G. W. Stirling and the shares held by A. Waters and A. C. Lloyd Hudson are held in trust for the Honourable Donald Jamieson.

4. (a) 152 shares; (b) 148 shares.

5. No.

CABLE TV OPERATORS AND COMPENSATION TO CJON RADIO AND TV NETWORK IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 1,796—**Mr. Crosbie:**

1. Did the CRTC announce a decision that cable TV operators are required to pay 25 cents to the CJON Radio and TV Network in Newfoundland as compensation for each person hooked up to the system and, if so, what are the reasons for the decision?

2. Was a decision made by CRTC to award FM radio station licences to the CJON Network and, if so (a) on what date (b) how many licences were awarded (c) were all the licences issued to the owners of the CJON Radio and TV Network and, for what reasons?

Mr. Ross Milne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Communications): The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has submitted the following: 1. The commission granted monthly subscriber fees which would include a subsidy to the off-air broadcaster (25 cents per subscriber per month when 15,000 subscribers are attained and for five years thereafter.) However, this portion of the fee may only be charged to the subscriber at such time as the licensee actually transfers these funds to the broadcasters—This applies to the St. John's and Corner Brook licensees. (It should be noted that the 25¢ per subscriber per month was proposed by the applicant and subsequently approved by the Commission).

2. Yes. (a) Decision CRTC 76-735 dated October 4, 1976; (b) Nine licences; (c) Yes, a Public announcement dated July 4, 1975 called for applications of FM licences for the Mari-