

Questions

CANSO, NOVA SCOTIA—APPROVAL BY TOWN OF PLANS FOR FEDERAL BUILDING

Question No. 2,655—**Mr. MacEwan:**

Have site and building plans for a new federal building at Canso, Nova Scotia, been approved by the Town of Canso?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Yes.

NEWFOUNDLAND—EMPLOYMENT OBTAINED BY STUDENTS THROUGH MANPOWER CENTRES

Question No. 2,657—**Mr. Marshall:**

How many students have secured employment during the months of May and June, 1969 through Canada Manpower Centres at Corner Brook, Grand Falls, Gander and St. John's, Newfoundland?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The number of students who secured employment during the months of May and June 1969 through Canada Manpower Centres at Corner Brook, Grand Falls, Gander and St. John's Newfoundland was as follows:

	May	June
Corner Brook	144	171
Grand Falls	22	12
Gander	17	35
St. John's	78	130

RESERVE FORCES—CONSULTATION WITH CONFERENCE OF DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS AS TO CUT-BACKS

Question No. 2,658—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. Has the Conference of Defence Associations been consulted with regard to cutbacks in the Reserve Forces?

2. If so, when was the meeting held?

3. If not, is it intended that they will be consulted?

4. What are the reasons for the cutting back of the reserves?

5. What is the strength of the Reserve Forces of Canada under (a) the Militia (Army) (b) the Naval Reserves (c) the Air Force Auxilliary?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes, see *Hansard* dated 15 July, page 11220, and 16 July, page 11284.

2. 11 July, 1969.

3. Not applicable.

4. The limitations imposed by a fixed budget have involved a reduction in the over-all size of the Canadian Forces, and this reduction applies also to the Reserves.

5. (a) 23,237; (b) 2,799; (c) 807.

[Mr. Groos.]

ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY BASE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 2,659—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. Will consideration be given to the establishment of a military base in the Province of Newfoundland as requested by the Newfoundland Command of the Royal Canadian Legion?

2. What steps are being taken to make a study of the factors surrounding the establishment?

3. Under whose responsibility in the Department of National Defence does such a study fall?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1, 2 and 3. The proposal submitted by the Newfoundland Command of the Royal Canadian Legion for the establishment of a Canadian Forces' base in Newfoundland was given careful consideration during the recent review of defence policy by the Chief of Defence Staff and his advisors. However, it is not intended to establish such a base in Newfoundland at this time.

TAX REFORM—PERSONS INVOLVED IN PREPARATION

Question No. 2,660—**Mr. Saltzman:**

1. Have there been any individuals, other than civil servants, who have been involved in the preparation of the Government's White Paper on Canadian Tax Reform?

2. If so, who are these individuals and on what basis were they selected?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. Yes. Two categories of individuals who are not civil servants have been involved in the preparation of the government's White Paper on Canadian Tax Reform. Those in the first category are members of the government, and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance. The second category includes three individuals; Mr. D. Andison, a lawyer working full time on contract with the Department of Finance, and Messrs. P. M. Farwell and M. C. F. Gillan, full time Special Assistants to the Minister of Finance. A third group have not been involved in the preparation of the White Paper as such, but did take part in the analysis of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Taxation and of the views on tax reforms put forward by the provincial governments, national associations and others. These individuals were on contract to the Department of Finance. Their names are: Mr. R. J. Bertrand, Mr. R. Bourassa, Mr. J. R. Brown (presently a civil servant), Mr. R. W. Collins, Dr. R. W. V. Dickerson, Mr. D. G. Hartle (presently a civil servant), Mr. D. R. Huggett, Mr. E. G. Miller, Mr. A. Raynauld, Mr. L. M.