

2. Is it Departmental practice that the Deputy Minister approves answers to questions of this kind and, if so, on what date did Mr. Hudon approve the answer?

3. Is it government policy to permit Deputy Ministers to take part in the preparation of answers to *Order Paper* questions that concern themselves?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): The government takes responsibility for the answers it provides to questions and for the process involved in replying to such questions. It is not appropriate therefore to provide information about internal administrative arrangements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION AT FORT FRANCES—MEDICAL SERVICES BRANCH

Question No. 5,720—**Mr. Reid:**

1. What is the policy with respect to the choice of airlines for officials, by the Medical Services Branch Department of National Health and Welfare, the Canada Water Resources Branch, Department of the Environment at Fort Frances, and when was it inaugurated?

2. Has any consideration been given for the contracting and tendering of the air transportation required by the Departments, and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, what are the reasons for the current policy?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): In so far as Health and Welfare Canada is concerned: 1. The use of airlines in Fort Frances is based on convenience to the patients, nurses, private physicians, availability of aircraft in winter and summer, short notice, and the quality of service. Because of the light use of aircraft (to one community a maximum of twice a month) no policy, other than the above has been developed.

2. No detailed consideration has been given to contracting or tendering for air transportation. The Medical Services Branch frequently shares charters to Lac La Croix with other departments and agencies (e.g. Indian Affairs Branch, Canada Water Resources Branch, Children's Aid Society, Ministry of Community and Social Services, Ontario). (a) See 1 above. (b) Not applicable.

In so far as Environment Canada is concerned: 1. There is no specific policy with regard to the choice of airlines for officials by the Water Resources Branch of the Department of the Environment at Fort Frances.

2. No consideration has been given for the contracting and tendering of the air transportation required. (a) It has not been considered because of the very low utilization required, usually about five or six one-day charters per year. (b) Not applicable.

DOE QUESTIONNAIRE "A STUDY OF HOW PEOPLE VIEW RECREATION"

Question No. 5,741—**Mr. Huntington:**

1. How many copies of the Department of the Environment, Fisheries, Marine Branch questionnaire "A Study of How People View Recreation" were distributed?

2. Were copies distributed in all provinces?

3. What was the total cost of (a) preparing (b) printing (c) distributing (d) compiling the results (e) other related costs of the questionnaire?

4. What is the name and address of the company employed by the government to print the questionnaire?

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5. How many 12 x 14 inch colour recreational prints were printed to accommodate any requests received from them through the questionnaire and what was the total cost?

6. What is the name and address of the company which printed the colour recreational prints?

7. How many requests were received for the prints?

8. What was the total aggregate cost to study all aspects of the questionnaire?

Mr. George Baker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Fisheries)): This study was a joint undertaking by the British Columbia Provincial Department of Recreation and Conservation and the Federal Fisheries and Marine Service, DOE. It was intended to examine the question of substitutability between natural recreational opportunities and more artificial recreational opportunities of interest to the two jurisdictions.

1. Copies of the questionnaire were distributed to 4,667 households in British Columbia.

2. Copies were distributed only in British Columbia.

3. (a) Preparation costs were approximately \$1,00 (estimate of salary time). (b) Printing costs were \$3,974.33. (c) Distribution costs were \$1,650. (d) The compilation of the results has not yet been completed. This cost has been estimated at \$500, part of which will be paid by the Provincial Government. (e) There were no other related costs.

4. A tender for printing the questionnaire was issued through the Department of Supply and Services to Marshall Printing, 367 Water Street, Vancouver 3, British Columbia.

5. The 12" x 14" colour recreational prints were provided by the British Columbia Provincial Government from existing stocks at no cost to the project.

6. Refer to question 5.

7. Approximately 2,400 requests have been received for the colour prints.

8. The total cost of the study was \$7,124.33. These costs have been distributed over three fiscal years with preparation costs accruing in 1974/75, printing costs and part of the distribution costs in 1975/76, and the remainder of the distribution costs and the compilation costs being paid in 1976/77.

EMPLOYMENT OF MR. G. COUSINEAU

Question No. 5,746—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Was Mr. G. Cousineau removed as Chairman of the Unemployment Insurance Commission of Canada and, if so, for what reason?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): No. Mr. Cousineau resigned his appointment as Chairman of the Unemployment Insurance Commission to accept appointment as Special Adviser to the President of the Treasury Board. His appointment in the latter capacity was preparatory to his appointment on June 8, 1976 as President of Loto Canada, Inc., a Company which will report to the President of the Treasury Board.