

Questions

not considered that these temporary assignments at Head Office were in conflict with the terms of reference under which the field officers were hired. Rather they were beneficial in the sense that the field officers increased their knowledge of the legislation and claims processing and thereby improved their abilities in dealing with the public on Canada Pension Plan matters. The Plan is quite new and there is still much to learn. (d) The fiscal year which ended on March 31 1969, is the only significant period during which field officers were assigned to Head Office operations. For that year there were a total of 77 field officers so assigned for temporary duty and the cost involved is allocated as follows: Transportation, \$11,005.12; Meals and Accommodation, \$36,201.65; Total, \$47,206.77.

ELLERSLIE, P.E.I., FISHERIES STATION

Question No. 1,974—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. Were two mobile homes or trailers, approximate sizes 60 x 12 and 50 x 10 purchased recently for the Department of Fisheries station in Ellerslie, Prince Edward Island?
2. From whom were they purchased and at what price?
3. Are they new and, if not, how old and what is their approximate worth?
4. What did it cost to transport these trailers to Prince Edward Island and was that cost included in the selling price?
5. Was any attempt made to purchase them on Prince Edward Island and were tenders circulated to prospective contractors in this regard?
6. Are these trailers of American or Canadian construction?
7. Are they considered to be constructed and insulated for all weather Canadian use?
8. What is the expected life of service of these two trailers?
9. Have any repairs been made to these trailers since purchase or is it expected that any repairs will be made in the immediate future?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): 1. Yes.

2. Woodlawn Mobile Homes & Parks Ltd., Ottawa; total price \$13,350 F.O.B. Ellerslie, Prince Edward Island.

3. No. One unit was a 1968 model used as a demonstrator; the original price was \$9,450 F.O.B. Ottawa. The other unit was used approximately six years and was refurbished; the original price of this unit was \$7,650 F.O.B. Ottawa.

4. Haulage from Ottawa to Ellerslie, listed at \$500 per unit, was included in the selling price.

[Mr. Munro.]

5. Tenders were not called, but prices were checked in the Halifax area and, after a review of available units and prices in the Ottawa, Montreal, and Cornwall areas, it was considered that the two second-hand units purchased provided an economic purchase arrangement.

6. One unit was of Canadian manufacture; the other, American.

7. They are considered to be of adequate construction for the area in which they are to be used.

8. As these two units were purchased to house summer students, it is extremely difficult to estimate their life expectancy.

9. Minor damage which occurred during transportation from Ottawa to Ellerslie will be repaired and paid for by Woodlawn Mobile Homes Ltd.

INDIAN AFFAIRS—TECHNICAL SERVICES
BRANCHQuestion No. 1,984—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Is there now, or will there be soon, a Branch or Directorate of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development known as Technical Services Branch and, if so (a) has the Branch any personnel officers (b) if any of them are not Canadian citizens, who are they in terms of name, age, birth-place, degrees and diplomas held, present and former classifications and salaries within the federal service?

2. (a) Within the Technical Services Branch, is there a "Physical Planning" section or sub-section and, if so, who heads it, what was his birth-place, what is his citizenship, what degrees and diplomas does he hold from what institutions (b) has the Physical Planning Section any sub-sections and, if so, what are they, who heads them, what is their citizenship, degrees, diplomas, present and former classifications, salaries, etc. (c) how many professional personnel as distinct from technical and clerical personnel is there in the Physical Planning Section, how many are not Canadian citizens and how many are American citizens and of these, what are the degrees, diplomas, classifications, etc.?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. There is now a Technical Services Branch of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. (a) The Branch has no personnel officer; personnel service is supplied to the Branch by the Departmental Personnel Adviser; (b) N/A.

2. (a) There is a "Physical Planning Division" headed by Mr. E. W. Wallace in the capacity of Acting Division Chief. Mr. Wallace was born in America and is an American citizen with a status of "landed immigrant"