

Order Paper Questions

Deputy Minister since January 1, 1974 and, in each case, what specific Public Service Regulation permitted such absences?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): See reply to Question 445 answered December 18, 1974, *Hansard* No. 56, page 2350, regarding Executive Development Leave, August 10, 1974 to January 10, 1975. It is not customary to make public detailed personnel information such as an employee's use of sick or vacation leave as provided by Public Service Regulations. A copy of Order in Council P.C. 1973-1/2128 of July 17, 1973, "Guidelines on non-salary compensation (including leave) for deputy ministers and other persons appointed by the Governor in Council" will be forwarded to the hon. member for Leeds.

EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT LEAVE—MR. PITFIELD

Question No. 1,197—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 446 to the effect that total expenses for Mr. Michael Pitfield from April 20, 1968 to October 24, 1974 totalled \$27,142.52, does any portion of this amount include expenses in connection with Mr. Pitfield's education at Harvard University or any other institution, travelling to or from any educational institution and, if so, what is a complete breakdown of such items with costs?

2. What is a complete breakdown of items and costs involved under "Executive Development Leave" totalling \$2,163.63?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. Yes. Includes the \$2,163.63 referred to in part 2, plus travel expenses of \$146.99 relating to Executive Development Leave at Harvard.

2. Accommodation and utilities, \$969.00; Rental security deposit, \$551.00*; Salary equalization, \$643.63; Total \$2,163.63.

*NOTE—Security deposit refunded to Receiver General on completion of course.

REGIONAL RATE OF PAY FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,252—**Mr. Forrestall:**

How many people as employees of the government or its agencies were paid a regional rate in 1974, 1969 and 1964, expressed in absolute terms and as a percentage of the total government employment?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): In September 1964 there were 25,376 full-time employees paid on a regional rate basis. This represents 15.5 per cent of the total number of full-time employees under the Civil Service Act, Ships' Officers and Crews Regulations and the Prevailing Rate Regulations. In September 1969, there were 41,402 employees paid on a regional rate basis. This represents 22 per cent of the total number of employees under the Public Service Staff Relations Act, Schedule 1, Part 1. In September 1974, there were 48,300 employees paid on a regional basis. This represents 19.5 per cent of the total number of employees under the Public Staff Relations Act, Schedule 1, Part 1.

[Mr. Cossitt.]

ABOLITION OF REGIONAL PAY RATES

Question No. 1,254—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Does the government envisage the day when the present system of paying government employees regional rates will be abolished or eliminated and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): If it should eventuate that existing regional pay differentials outside the Public Service disappear, then the government, as employer, in keeping with its policy of pay comparability, will cease to pay regional rates. Since it is impossible to predict if and when regional pay differentials in Canada will disappear, the government, as employer, cannot specify a date for the abolition or elimination of regional rates.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 1975—DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 1,261—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What is the construction programme for the City of Dartmouth for the Department of Public Works for the year 1975?

2. What is the projected construction programme for the Department for 1976?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): 1. There was no construction program undertaken in the city of Dartmouth by this department during 1974/75, either chargeable to its own funds or on behalf of other government departments.

2. The projected construction program for 1975/76 fiscal year includes the following projects, all of which will be funded by other government departments: (a) Project, Bedford Institute of Oceanography Laboratory; Department, Energy, Mines and Resources; (b) Project, Wharf Extension; Department, Ministry of Transport; (c) Project, Prison Hospital; Department, Solicitor General.

ADDITIONAL RCMP SERVICES—NOVA SCOTIA

Question No. 1,263—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Has the Province of Nova Scotia made any requests for additional RCMP services along the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia?

2. What would be the attitude of the government to such a request should it not already have been forthcoming?

3. If a request has been made, what action is the government taking in that respect?

4. Would the government take unilateral action to increase RCMP protection for the Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia if no request is forthcoming from the provincial government and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): 1. No. Increases in man-power were initiated by the Commanding Officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Nova Scotia in consultation with the provincial attorney-general.

2. Any request would be studied and, if the increases were warranted, the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police would include them in his program forecast submission to Treasury Board.

3. Additional positions, with the concurrence of the provincial attorney-general, have been programmed for April 1, 1975.