

Order Paper Questions

CMHC—LAWYERS RETAINED IN CUMBERLAND AND COLCHESTER COUNTIES, N.S.

Question No. 716—Mr. Coates:

1. What are the names of individual lawyers who are employed by CMHC in the Constituency of Cumberland-Colchester North and how was each selected?

2. How much did each lawyer or law firm receive in fees and expenses in each fiscal year 1970-71 to date?

3. Do individuals or corporations who secure financing through CMHC have to use law firms determined by CMHC in the legal work associated with the loans in question and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I am advised by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows: 1 and 2. The following lawyers were retained by CMHC, in Cumberland and Colchester Counties, N.S., to process mortgage documentation arising from CMHC direct lending, from 1970 to September 1976: Amherst, W. B. Fairbanks; E. C. Hicks, Q.C.; Truro, Kenneth J. Brooks; W. J. Grant, Q.C.; H. R. Latimer; D. Arthur Nichols. Legal fees in connection with CMHC direct loans are paid by the borrower, and CMHC therefore, has no record of the amounts paid to these lawyers. The following lawyers were retained from 1970 to September 1976, to handle action where arrears on loans approved in Cumberland and Colchester Counties, N.S. required legal action:

		Costs and Fees
Amherst	E. C. Hicks, Q.C.	\$7,357.52
Halifax	McInnes, Cooper and Robertson	\$2,824.28
	Block, Prossin and Schelew	\$4,381.84

3. CMHC has, as a general rule, followed the practice of all government departments and agencies and employed agents approved by the Minister of Justice. The present practice with respect to CMHC is that, with the approval of the Minister of Justice, the Minister of State for Urban Affairs from time to time provides the Corporation with the names of legal agents who may be employed for these purposes in various municipalities throughout the country. In the case of loans for the provision of housing to persons of low income, requests for the employment of the borrower's solicitor or notary are in many cases granted where the employment will produce a financial advantage to the borrower. In addition, in the case of loans on existing housing, where the borrower has employed a solicitor or notary to carry out the work of acquiring the title to the property, CMHC may employ the borrower's solicitor or notary to act on behalf of CMHC.

DEVCO—NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS OR FIRMS HOLDING CONSULTANT CONTRACTS

Question No. 739—Mr. Muir:

How many individuals or firms hold consultant contracts with the Cape Breton Development Corporation at this date and what (a) are their names (b) is the objective of the contract (c) is the amount and term of the contract?

Mr. Ed. Lumley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): As of October 20, 1976, twelve individuals and firms held consultant contracts with the Cape Breton Development Corporation.

	(a) Name	(b) Objective of the contract	Amount	(c) Terms of contract
(i)	Canada Consulting Group Ltd.	Study the feasibility of manufacturing and marketing recreational vehicles	\$13,325	April 1976 contract now completed
		Study the feasibility of manufacturing and marketing various types of mining equipment	21,500	April 1976 to be completed by December 31, 1976
(ii)	Nova Scotia Research Foundation	Study the feasibility of manufacturing and marketing brick in Cape Breton	12,000	July 1976 awaiting Reports
(iii)	D. Murray	Consultant for the opening development and operation of an 18th century mine as a tourist attraction	31,000	December 1973 to November 30, 1976
(iv)	R. MacKeen	Consultant on Marine Facilities in the Bras d'Or	67,000	January 1, 1974 ends December 31, 1976
(v)	A. Forgeron	Consultant in scheduling and monitoring underground coal development	67,083	October 1, 1974 ends December 31, 1976