

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. No.

2. Yes.

3. The corporation has followed its policy on internal promotion as set out in its collective agreement.

4. No.

5. The corporation could only speculate on the suggestion contained in the questions as no studies of this nature are available.

#### QUEBEC SMALL FARM DEVELOPMENT

**Question No. 473—Mr. Wise:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,793 of the Third Session of the 30th Parliament in which it was stated, that \$15,890.79 was given by the Department of Agriculture to Laval University to "study the impact of the small farm development program in the province of Quebec", what were the results of the study?

2. Was the impact of the small farm development program studied in other provinces and (a) if so (i) who conducted them (ii) on what date did they occur (iii) what was their cost (b) if not, for what reason?

3. Does the Department have to go outside to study the impact of its programs and, if so (a) for what reason (b) is its personnel not capable of doing their own impact studies?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. This study surveyed 97 farmers who had received amalgamations vendor assistance grants and 113 purchasers of farms from vendors who had received assistance. It was found that both vendors and purchasers were generally well satisfied with the transactions and adjustments which the program facilitated. The study also found that while medium-to-large scale farmers who purchased small farms were able to integrate and develop the acreage acquired very quickly, smaller farmers needed proper counselling to ensure effective management of the additional land and the associated investment. Special credit for purchasers was found to be of marginal usefulness in Quebec, but the option for vendors to keep their houses was found to be a useful and advantageous feature.

2. A report is currently being written on an interim impact assessment of the Small Farm Development Program in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

(a) (i) This assessment is being carried out by Dr. R. St. Louis of Quebec City. (ii) Field surveys were carried out during March and April of 1977. (iii) Estimated cost of the study is \$110,000.

3. (a) and (b) Agriculture Canada personnel are capable of carrying impact studies, but circumstances warranted the use of outside expertise for the following reasons:

(i) The staff time required to carry out this study was not available within the department, and

(ii) An outside assessment was desired to bring fresh insights and to ensure that the assessment was detached and free from any vested interest.

#### Order Paper Questions

##### CROWN ASSETS DISPOSAL CORPORATION

**Question No. 475—Mr. Bawden:**

1. Does the Surplus Crown Assets Act state that all surplus items in departments must be reported to the Minister of Supply and Services and, if so, do the departments comply with this and, if not, for what reason?

2. Was Mr. Clair Adams hired by Crown Assets Disposal Corporation as Vice-President Procurement and, if so, what are his duties?

3. Is Mr. Adams a retired public servant?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. No. Section 3(2) of the act identifies the property which need not be included in a report to the minister.

2. Clair Adams is the vice-president of supply. The officer has as key responsibility the development of mechanisms and channels of communication which will permit the introduction of responsive and effective operational strategies. In addition, the officer will act as an adviser for the president on matters of policy, development, performance measurement and evaluation.

3. Yes.

##### RESEARCH—YORK UNIVERSITY

**Question No. 477—Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

1. Did the government provide funds to the Institute of Behavioural Research, Survey Research Centre, York University, Toronto, to conduct a survey across Canada which concerns problems of Canadians living in and around urban centres and, if so (a) in what amount (b) for what purpose is the research to be used (c) on what dates will the data from the survey be provided to the government?

2. Are persons interviewed being advised that such research is being funded by the government and will the results of the survey be made public upon completion?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** 1. (a) The ministry contracted with the Institute for Behavioural Research, York University, Toronto, to conduct a survey of urban priorities of Canadians living in the major metropolitan centres. The contract is not to exceed the amount of \$576,588.

(b) The survey will provide a systematic profile of public priorities and an up-to-date picture of variations within Canadian cities which will allow the ministry and other federal agencies to direct federal government urban-related program and policy efforts to areas of greatest need, thus allowing for more effective and efficient use of federal resources.

(c) The date is expected to be available in April, 1979.

2. (a) Interviewers were instructed that if persons to be interviewed ask who is sponsoring the research, they be told that the study is funded by the federal government.

(b) The results of the survey will be made public. The ministry intends to make the results available to provinces and officials in those municipalities in which interviews were conducted. By means of a published report, the results of the survey will be available to a wide range of professionals and interested members of the public.