

Order Paper Questions

Development in January 1986 and, if so, what follow-up action was taken by the Department?

2. Has the discussion paper been referred to the Department of Justice and, if so (a) on what date (b) for what reasons?

3. Is the Department of Justice preparing a report for the Government on this discussion paper and, if so (a) has a report been completed and which cabinet Ministers have received copies (b) if the report has not been completed (i) when will it be completed (ii) which cabinet Ministers will receive copies?

4. Has the discussion paper been considered by the Cabinet and (a) if so, what was the outcome (b) if not, will it be considered by the Cabinet?

5. What are the Government's intentions with respect to the Treaty 8 Renovation discussion paper?

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes, the discussion paper was submitted to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development on January 31, 1986. It was considered by departmental officials concerned. Since the document dealt with a number of constitutional issues, a copy was provided to officials of the Department of Justice for their consideration. Departmental officials subsequently discussed certain non-constitutional matters related to the discussion paper with Treaty 8 representatives.

2. As noted above, the discussion paper was referred to the Department of Justice (in February, 1986) for consideration.

3. No, (a) N/A, (b) N/A.

4. The Government intends to use the discussion paper as a working document in considering various approaches to dealing with both treaty-specific and national treaty issues.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Question No. 92—**Mr. Caccia:**

For each of the fiscal years 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87 and projected 1987-88, did the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. have staff assigned to work on environmental issues and, if so, for each year (a) how many (b) what were or are the titles/job descriptions for each position?

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes. For each of the fiscal years mentioned above, the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. assigned or will assign: (a) four persons, (b) one Counsellor (Environment), one First Secretary (Environment), one Environmental Affairs Officer, one Secretary.

In addition, the Ambassador and the Minister (Political) devote considerable time to environment issues. Equally, the Minister (Public Affairs), Counsellor (Congressional Affairs) and Counsellor (Public Affairs) devote some of their time to coverage of environment issues.

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Question No. 93—**Mr. Parry:**

1. In (a) 1983 (b) 1984 (c) 1985 (d) 1986 (e) 1987 to date, were Employment and Immigration Outreach projects approved and, if so, how many?

2. (a) What are the (i) benefits (ii) salary levels for Outreach co-ordinators (b) do all co-ordinators receive the same (i) benefits (ii) amount in terms of salary and, if not, for what reason?

3. Do employees of the Department of Employment and Immigration and Outreach co-ordinators do comparable or identical work and, if so, are there major disparities in salary levels between them and, if so, for what reason?

4. Do all Outreach projects receive an adequate support service budget to hire necessary full-time staff and, if not, for what reason?

5. Are local board members of unincorporated Outreach projects personally liable for the due performance of Outreach contracts and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. Yes. Statistics and other information on Outreach are compiled on a fiscal year basis. New Outreach projects were approved as follows:

	Fiscal Year	Number of Projects
(a)	1982-83	63
(b)	1983-84	13
(c)	1984-85	5
(d)	1985-86	21
(e)	1986-87	0

2. (a)(i) There is no national policy regarding the provision of benefits for Outreach workers as Employment and Immigration Canada (EIC), while funding the projects, is not the employer. Outreach projects operate under contracts for service and therefore it is up to the sponsors of the project to establish their own benefit package within the approved negotiated funding level.

2. (a)(ii) There is no national policy on salary levels for Outreach workers for the same reason cited in 2.(a)(i). However, regions have generally established maximum reimbursable salary costs that may be paid to Outreach workers. Co-ordinators of projects would earn higher salaries than Outreach counsellors (who in turn would earn more than support staff) depending upon numbers of points of service, staff supervised and responsibilities.

2. (b)(i) No. Benefits can vary from project to project since the project sponsor is the employer.

2. (b)(ii) No. Salaries are generally paid in accordance with those paid for similar positions in comparable community agencies and as a result can vary.

3. No. While there are some similarities, there are significant differences as well. For example, Canada Employment Centre (CEC) counsellors have responsibilities over and above those of Outreach workers, such as approval of the expenditure of EIC program funds, which is a major responsibility when one considers the dollar amounts involved. The average annual rate of pay for an Employment Counsellor in a CEC currently is in the range of \$29,569 to \$33,310.

4. Yes. While it is not always necessary to employ a full-time support staff member, particularly in the case of a small project, CEIC tries to accommodate the needs of the projects based on their forecasts and within the approved allocated level of funding.

5. Local board members of unincorporated Outreach projects who are not part of the sponsoring board are not personally liable for the due performance of Outreach contracts. Only those persons whose signatures appear on the