

Questions

5. How many homes were constructed in each province?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The below listed answer applies in so far as Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is concerned. 1. Under a 300-house program being financed through the Federal-Provincial cost sharing provisions of Section 35A of the National Housing Act, the Province of Saskatchewan constructed 35 houses for sale to Metis and Enfranchised Indians in remote communities in 1968.

2. Under the arrangement, costs are shared 75 per cent by the Federal Government and 25 per cent by the Province. The Federal Government's 75 per cent share of the capital cost of the 34 houses is estimated at \$138,560. Purchaser's monthly payments are based on family income and deficits representing the difference between monthly payments and the amount required to repay capital costs and pay taxes are shared annually on the same 75 per cent and 25 per cent basis.

3. The houses were constructed in LaRonge, Pine House, Cumberland House and Pelican Narrows.

4. and 5. Recently the Federal Government approved a similar arrangement with the Province of Manitoba under the provisions of Section 35A of the National Housing Act. Under the arrangement the Province is to construct 100 houses for Metis and Enfranchised Indians in remote areas of the Province. As in the case of the Saskatchewan program the Federal Government will bear 75 per cent of the costs. The arrangement was approved in November 1968 and no houses have yet been built.

LINGUISTIC QUALIFICATIONS OF PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,399—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. What is the total number of persons employed by the Public Service Commission of Canada as (a) Clerk 1 or equivalent (b) Clerk 2 or equivalent (c) Clerk 3 or equivalent (d) Clerk 4 or equivalent?

2. Of that number, and for each of the above categories, how many speak only (a) English (b) French (c) both languages?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. (a) Clerical and Regulatory, Level 1 or equivalent, 47; (b) Clerical and Regulatory, Level 2 or equivalent, 100; (c) Clerical and Regulatory, Level 3 or equivalent, 139; (d) Clerical and Regulatory, Level 4 or equivalent, 130.

[Mr. Korchinski.]

2. (a) English: Clerical and Regulatory, Level 1 or equivalent, 15; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 2 or equivalent, 46; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 3 or equivalent, 70; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 4 or equivalent, 86; (b) French: Clerical and Regulatory, Level 1 or equivalent, 10; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 2 or equivalent, 4; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 3 or equivalent, 13; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 4 or equivalent, 1; (c) Both languages: Clerical and Regulatory, Level 1 or equivalent, 22; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 2 or equivalent, 50; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 3 or equivalent, 56; Clerical and Regulatory, Level 4 or equivalent, 43.

BANK OF CANADA INTEREST RATES

Question No. 1,428—**Mr. Latulippe:**

Is the Bank of Canada authorized to increase its interest rates without consulting the government and, if so (a) for what reasons (b) what are the powers of the Directors of the Bank in this regard?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): Section 5 of the Bank of Canada Act provides that the Bank shall be under the management of its Board of Directors. Section 8(1) of the Act states that the Governor of the Bank is the chief executive officer of the Bank and on behalf of the Board has the direction and control of the business of the Bank with authority to act in connection with the conduct of the business of the Bank in all matters that are not by this Act or by the by-laws of the Bank specifically reserved to be done by the Board or by the Executive Committee. Section 14 of the Act requires that the Minister and the Governor shall consult regularly on monetary policy and on its relation to general economic policy. It also provides, in the event of a difference of opinion between the Minister and the Bank concerning the monetary policy to be followed, that the Minister may, after consultation with the Governor and with the approval of the Governor in Council, give to the Governor a written directive concerning monetary policy which shall be published forthwith and that the Bank shall comply with such directive.

MISSIONS FROM COMOX AIR BASE

Question No. 1,431—**Mr. Anderson:**

1. What percentage of search and rescue missions from Comox Air Force Base are under (a) visual flight conditions (b) instrument flight conditions?

2. What are the minimum safe altitudes for an aircraft under instrument flight conditions, travelling from Comox Air Force Base to the North