

1966 by the vessel *Texaco Oregon*, and on December 11, 1968 by the vessel *Salamina*.

2. No.

3. No. Chart 1321 of the Canadian Hydrographic Service indicates the location of submarine cables and the prohibited anchorage area over the cables. The official anchorage area is located southwest of the cables, and when correctly attended there should be no accidents between ships and submarine cables.

TORMENTINE-BORDEN CAR FERRY

Question No. 1,565—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. What was the price paid for the car-ferry purchased in Sweden to be put into service on the Cape Tormentine, New Brunswick-Borden, Prince Edward Island run?

2. Has a name been selected for this vessel and, if so, what is it?

3. What is the age, length, beam, vehicle capacity, passenger capacity, speed and power of this vessel?

4. What type of power plant does this vessel have?

5. How many propellers does she have, and does she have any special equipment for manoeuvring and docking?

6. What is the estimated cost of modifications and/or installation of special equipment, if any, to be installed in this vessel before it goes into service?

7. Is this vessel capable of carrying railway cars?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):

1. Purchase price \$3.972 million.

2. No.

3. Built in 1965, 261 ft. 9 ins. long, beam of 53 ft. 2 ins., vehicle capacity of 100 autos, and a passenger capacity of 500. Service speed of the vessel is 17½ knots and the engines develop 6,000 brake horse power.

4. Deutz diesel engines with direct drive.

5. Two controllable pitch propellers and a bow thruster for manoeuvring.

6. \$300,000.

7. No.

MRS. SICOTTE—DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

Question No. 1,581—**Mr. Lewis:**

1. Was Mrs. Giles Sicotte a passenger on any trip on a Department of Transport plane between September, 1963 to the present?

2. Was a Department of Transport aircraft provided for Mrs. Sicotte alone at any time during this period?

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Questions

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):

1. Flight records of the Department of Transport, which are only retained for a three-year period, indicate that Mrs. Gilles Sicotte was a passenger, on a "space available" basis, on the following three flights since April 1, 1965: November 14, 1967, Ottawa to New York; May 25, 1968, Ottawa to Montreal; September 21, 1968, Ottawa to St. Hubert.

2. No.

POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT PAYMENTS

Question No. 1,583—**Mr. Anderson:**

For the years 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70, what are the estimated costs associated with basic fiscal transfer and adjustment payments made to each province for post-secondary education, under terms of Part II of Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, 1967?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):

The accompanying table shows present estimated costs associated with payments to the provinces under terms of Part II of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act, 1967.

The Act, which became effective with the 1967-68 fiscal year, provides for federal transfers of fiscal resources to assist the provinces in meeting the rising costs of post-secondary education. It made provision for a province to receive for 1967-68 the higher of \$15 per capita of population or 50% of eligible operating expenditures for post-secondary education incurred in the province. The Act also provided that, for the years 1968-69 to 1971-72 inclusive, each province originally on the per capita basis (Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick) would have its basic (i.e. 1967-68) transfer increased from year to year at the national rate of increase in eligible post-secondary education operating costs until the 50 per cent basis became more advantageous. Any province on the 50 per cent basis continues on that arrangement and cannot switch to the per capita (escalated) formula.

The total of the transfer of fiscal resources is made up of three elements: (i) tax abatements of 4 per cent of the individual income tax and 1 per cent of corporation taxable income; (ii) that portion of the general revenue equalization payments which is related to the special tax abatements for the post-secondary education program; and (iii) a cash adjustment payment.