

Questions

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): 1, 2 and 3. During the Constitutional Conference, February 10-12, 1969, three background briefings were provided by federal officials for all news reporters accredited to the Conference. The briefings were authorized by the Prime Minister and their purpose was to provide answers to reporters' questions concerning positions taken by the Government of Canada at the Conference. Because of the nature of background briefings, it is not customary to identify Government spokesmen who take part.

MOUNTAINEER MOTEL COMPANY LIMITED

Question No. 1,598—**Mr. Woolliams:**

With reference to answers given to Question No. 1,271 (a) who are the officers of the Mountaineer Motel Company Limited (b) is this a private company and, if so, who are the main shareholders in the Mountaineer Motel Company Limited (c) what percentage of rent is charged against the gross receipts of the lessee by the Department in question and called for in the agreement between the Mountaineer Motel Company Limited and the said Department (d) does the agreement call for any other consideration other than a percentage of the gross receipts from the enterprise in question?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): (a) President, Louis Biro; Vice-president, Alex Szakal; Secretary, Vencel Jakab. (b) Yes, Mountaineer Motel Company is a private company, limited to a maximum of 50 shareholders. As our lease is with the Company as a corporate entity rather than with the individual shareholders, we do not attempt to maintain a record of shareholders. We only require the names of the Company officers. Specific information on the Company Shareholders may be obtainable from the Registrar of Companies for the Province of Alberta. (c) As stated previously in the answer to Question No. 1271, lease agreements constitute a confidential landlord-tenant relationship. To divulge the terms of such an agreement without the express written consent of the lessee would be a breach of that confidence. (d) See answer to (c) above.

GRANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Question No. 1,601—**Mr. Burton:**

For the fiscal year 1967-68, how many grants were made to plants in Saskatchewan under the Industrial Research and Development Incentives

Act (a) what is the name of each plant receiving a grant (b) what amount of grant was received by each plant?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pépin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In fiscal year 1967-68, one grant was paid under the Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act to an applicant corporation from the Province of Saskatchewan. (a) Disclosure of an applicant's name is not permitted under the Act; (b) Disclosure of the amount of a grant paid to an applicant is not permitted under the Act.

SHOTGUN SHELLS COMPOSITION

Question No. 1,612—**Mr. Anderson:**

Has the Canadian Wildlife Service begun discussions with the manufacturers and distributors of shotgun shells in Canada with a view to substituting iron or nickel for the lead shot presently in use?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): No. Canadian ammunition manufacturers belong to the Small Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute (SAAMI) which has been cooperating in a study involving the testing of alternate materials for lead shot. Recent tests have shown that shot made from soft iron has the highest potential as the alternate material to lead. However, the cost of producing soft iron shot is very high and studies are underway to develop an economic process.

WORK POINT BARRACKS, ESQUIMALT, B.C.

Question No. 1,621—**Mr. Anderson:**

1. Has the 17-acre property described as MacCaulay Point, Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, British Columbia been declared surplus to federal government requirements?

2. Is it the intention of the government to turn this property over to the municipality of Esquimalt?

3. Will the municipality be charged for this property and, if so, how much?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Defence Production): In so far as Crown Assets Disposal Corporation is concerned: 1. Yes.

2. In accordance with the CADC priority purchase procedure the Corporation will be prepared to negotiate with the Municipality of Esquimalt for its acquisition of this property, if there is no interest in the land by Federal and Provincial Governments.

3. It is the policy of the Corporation to consummate such priority sales of property at the fair market value established by independent appraisals.