

temperature conditions, the consultant reported that the asphalt overlay could not support the weight and that consideration should be given to another type of surface.

As a result of his findings, the Department of National Defence decided to replace the entire apron using concrete. A contract for this work was awarded in August 1965 and completed in July 1966. The settlement of a claim for additional work in the amount of \$20,000 in July 1967 brought the total cost of the contract to \$969,000.

Your Committee agrees with the Auditor General's Report regarding the expenditure of \$53,000 in 1964 as unproductive.

Your Committee is of the opinion that adequate research was not carried out on this project prior to commencement of the work. Defence Construction should have carried out tests and borings before the work started, instead of hiring an engineering consultant after the work was completed. Further, we recommend that the Department establish procedures to ensure that adequate engineering is carried out before proceeding with similar projects.

Copies of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, (*Issues Nos. 14 to 19 inclusive and 21 of the previous session are returned and issues Nos. 1 and 2 of the current session*) are tabled.

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*(The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 3 to the Journals.)*