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FLUOROCARBONS IN THE ATMOSPHERE

Question No. 527—Mr. Howie:

Since January 1, 1976, were any studies on fluorocarbons in the atmosphere authorized by the Ministry of State for Science and Technology or any councils, commissions or agencies funded by it and, if so, in each case (a) on what date were they authorized (b) have any reports been received to date (c) what amounts were (i) granted (ii) authorized?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Science and Technology): In so far as the Ministry of State for Science and Technology is concerned: No.

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE FOR URBAN TRANSIT IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 685—Mr. Howie:

1. What financial assistance is available to the Province of New Brunswick to assist with urban transit over the next five years?

2. What amount will be given to New Brunswick for this purpose in each of the next five fiscal years?

3. Is financial assistance intended to be available for (a) community operated bus systems (b) privately operated bus systems (c) systems operated entirely within the municipality (d) systems operated between urban centres?

4. What are the minimum requirements for federal assistance?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Transport and the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs as follows: 1. Federal assistance for urban transit will be available to New Brunswick through the Urban Transportation Assistance Program which will be implemented April 1, 1978. Total funding available to New Brunswick will be \$6,774,000 over the five year life of the program ending March 31, 1983.

2. The annual allocation to New Brunswick is to be \$2 per capita according to the population of the Province as recorded in the official census of 1976. Accordingly, the province may receive up to \$1,354,800 annually over the five year life of the program.

3. (a) Federal assistance through the Urban Transportation Assistance Program will be available to community operated bus systems. (b) Assistance will be available for privately operated bus systems, however all funds are to be made available through the province and accordingly it will be the responsibility of the province to specify projects which it wishes to have funded. (c) Federal urban transportation assistance will be available to transit systems which operate entirely within the municipality. (d) Federal urban transit assistance will not be available to intercity services.

[Mr. Maine.]

4. The minimum requirement for assistance through the Urban Transportation Assistance Program will be concurrence by the federal government that the projects, put forward by the province for funding, meet at least one of the program objectives of: (i) Improving the efficiency of the urban transportation system. (ii) Improving standards of urban environmental quality and land use efficiency. (iii) Contributing to energy conservation. (iv) improving safety at railway crossings. (v) the Urban Transportation Assistance Program does not provide any funds for operating subsidy. The funds are to be used for capital acquisitions or improvements only. In addition, each project is to be evaluated against the objective it was designed to meet to determine the effectiveness of federal assistance for urban transportation. Approval of a grade separation or railway relocation project will be subject to the provisions of the Railway Relocation and Crossing Act and Urban Development and Transportation Plans Regulations.

RESEARCH—NEW SAFE USES FOR NUCLEAR FISSION

Question No. 697—Mr. Howie:

Since January 1, 1977, what amount did the Ministry of State for Science and Technology or its supporting agencies and councils allocate for research into finding new safe uses for nuclear fission?

Mr. Frank Maine (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Science and Technology): In so far as the Ministry of State for Science and Technology is concerned: The policy of the Ministry of State for Science and Technology is to formulate and develop policies in relation to the activities of the Government of Canada that affect the development and application of science and technology. The objective is to assure the optimum use of science and technology in support of national objectives. The Ministry has no laboratories and does not award grants-in-aid of research, scholarships or fellowships.

RESEARCH—REYE'S SYNDROME—LINK WITH SPRUCE BUDWORM SPRAYING

Question No. 704—Mr. Howie:

Does the Ministry of State for Science and Technology or any of its supporting agencies and councils have ongoing in-house research into Reye's Syndrome and its possible link with spruce budworm spraying?

Mr. Frank Maine (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Science and Technology): In so far as the Ministry of State for Science and Technology is concerned: The policy of the Ministry of State for Science and Technology is to formulate and develop policies in relation to the activities of the Government of Canada that affect the development and application of science and technology. The objective is to assure the optimum use of science and technology in support of national objectives. The Ministry has no laboratories and does not award grants-in-aid of research, scholarships or fellowships.