

Questions

URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM STUDIES

Question No. 11—**Mr. Gilbert:**

1. What specific studies have been undertaken regarding urban renewal programs in Canada as mentioned by the Minister responsible for Housing in his statement at the press conference in the National Press Conference Theatre, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 14, 1969?

2. Which civil servants or outside individuals or groups are working on each of these studies and when are each of them expected to be completed?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): 1. The comprehensive study of urban renewal policy currently underway covers the over-all social, physical and economic aspects of urban renewal.

2. The study is being undertaken by the officers of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation responsible for urban renewal and the related professional services within the Corporation. The study will take into account the views of the provinces, municipalities, residents' associations, academics and other interested outside individuals or groups. It is anticipated that this study will be completed next year.

PUBLIC SERVICE JOB APPLICATIONS

Question No. 35—**Mr. Gleave:**

1. How many applications for jobs in the Public Service were there during each month of the year of 1968?

2. How many applications were successful?

3. How many applications were not successful because the RCMP would not grant security clearance?

4. Is the RCMP obliged to explain to the department, or the individual concerned, the reasons for their decision?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. These statistics are not available. It is the usual practice to destroy applications for candidates who are not appointed after a period of one year.

2. Same as above. Figures are available on the number of appointments by month to the Public Service commencing with the period July 1, 1968. They are listed as follows: July, 860; August, 1,138; September, 1,157; October, 1,234; November, 941; December, 3,048.

The total number of appointments to the Public Service for all of 1968 were 20,379.

3. It is not the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but each department which hires an employee through the Public Service Commis-

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sion that has the responsibility of ensuring that a prospective employee is not a security risk.

4. Not applicable.

TAX CONCESSIONS, SHAHEEN NATURAL RESOURCES

Question No. 70—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. When did Shaheen Natural Resources Inc., first apply to the Government of Canada regarding federal tax concessions for a refinery to be built on Trinity Bay, Newfoundland?

2. What was the response of the Government of Canada to this request?

3. What changes were made in the October 22, 1968 federal budget governing the tax-free status of Crown corporations that are under purchase option by private interests?

4. Has the Government of Canada now agreed to federal tax concessions for Shaheen Natural Resources of New York regarding this refinery and, if so, what are they?

5. For what reasons has the Government of Canada now allowed Shaheen Natural Resources Inc. of New York federal tax concessions for its refinery?

6. What is the estimated loss in federal government revenue due to these tax concessions?

7. What is the estimated period of tax-free operations of the refinery due to these federal tax concessions?

8. Is Mr. Charles R. Granger, a former Member of Parliament, an officer of Shaheen Natural Resources Inc., and if so, what is his position?

9. What other provincial or municipal tax concessions have been provided to Shaheen Natural Resources Inc. for its refinery?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. Shaheen Natural Resources Inc. did not make an application to the government of Canada regarding federal tax concessions for a refinery to be built on Trinity Bay. The government of the Province of Newfoundland did make representations to Ottawa concerning the tax position of this refinery and of certain other Newfoundland corporations.

2. Not applicable.

3. The Budget Speech on October 22, 1968 announced that Parliament would be asked to amend Section 62(1)(c) of the Income Tax Act. This was subsequently done by Section 14(1) of Chapter 44 of the Statutes of 1968-69.

4. No measures have been taken applicable to a specific company. The Income Tax Regulations were amended on August 15, 1969, by Order in Council P.C. 1969-1643 to allow a fast deduction of the capital cost of certain depreciable property. This was intended to ease the transition from the old to the new law provided by the amendment to Section 62(1)(c) of the Income Tax Act.