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TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE CANADIAN-BUILT
ICEBREAKER

Question No. 919—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Does the government have the technological capability and yard capacity to provide a Canadian-built and Canadian-operated icebreaker with polar capability for continuous progress through 7 to 10 foot ice in this decade?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): No, the Canadian government does not have such capability, but Canadian designers and shipyards do. The Ministry of Transport has commissioned a design through a Canadian design consortium for a Polar Class 7 icebreaker which will be capable of continuous progress through ice up to 7 feet thickness. The design is expected to be completed in 1976 and if a decision is made to construct such a vessel it should be in service in this decade.

SPACE PROGRAMME

Question No. 1,011—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Do space programmes require (a) a continuous research and development programme (b) a high investment in facilities and test equipment (c) a well-trained technical source of manufacturing people?

2. Is it possible for Canada to identify continuing space programmes in order to maintain this expertise?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of State for Science and Technology): 1. (a) Yes; (b) Yes; (c) Yes.

2. The government maintains an overview of space activities including research and application programme in order to ensure a reasonable balance of effort and the optimum use of resources. Examples of current government space programs include the Communications Technology Satellite project of the Department of Communications and the program of application development for remote sensing of earth resources and environmental factors carried out by the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources.

LIP—APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

Question No. 1,032—**Mr. Cossitt:**

During the time that the Honourable Jack Davis acted as Regional Minister in regard to the approving or disapproving of Local Initiatives Programme applications, what are the full details of all projects not approved by the Minister or his office, including, in each case (a) the nature of the project (b) the names and addresses or organizations or persons on the project application (c) the date of application (d) the amount of funds requested (e) all reasons for disapproval given in any manner whatsoever by the Minister or his office?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Not available. Only the Minister of Manpower and Immigration approves or disapproves Local Initiatives Programme applications, although he does receive recommendations from Members of Parliament of all parties, provincial governments and others.

Order Paper Questions

LIP—MR. RICHARD DICERNI'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Question No. 1,082—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the memorandum dated January 25, 1973 to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration on the subject of the Local Initiatives Programme and signed by the Deputy Minister, Mr. J. M. Desroches, who is the Mr. Dicerni referred to on page 2, what was his job designation and what were his duties?

2. Is this individual the same person as Mr. Robert Dicernie, Special Assistant to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration as of the date on which the memo was written?

3. (a) What was the exact relationship of Mr. Dicerni to the Local Initiatives Programme (b) was one of his tasks to advise LIP officials in regard to projects that were to be approved for political considerations?

4. (a) What is meant by the following sentence on page 2 of the memo "Mr. Dicerni will give us a decision in writing on whether the case is to be approved or not" (b) does this refer to LIP projects to be approved or disapproved because of political considerations?

5. (a) What is meant by the following sentence on page 2 of the memo "As soon as we have a clear picture of costs we shall report to you whether we can accommodate all decisions"—(referred by Mr. Dicerni)—"within the existing budget..." (b) does this refer to whether or not there were sufficient funds to cover projects which the Minister desired to have adopted for political purposes?

6. On what date and for what reason did Mr. Dicerni cease to be connected with the Local Initiatives Programme?

7. (a) What is his present position in government service (b) is he connected with the Unemployment Insurance Commission (c) do his present duties include performing any actions that are taken for political considerations and, if so, what are these duties and actions?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. Mr. Richard Dicerni was employed as Special Assistant to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration from November 27, 1972 until September 1, 1973.

2. See (1).

3. (a) As a Special Assistant to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration Mr. Dicerni performed duties assigned to him by the Minister; (b) The task Mr. Dicerni carried out with regard to LIP was to maintain liaison with Members of Parliament and to consult with the regional Ministers, as described in Sessional paper 291-2-2319.

4. (a) and (b) One of the functions Mr. Dicerni performed was to inform the Department of ministerial decisions taken with regard to LIP Projects.

5. (a) and (b) It is the function of the Department to advise the Minister of the availability of funds in light of approvals. This is done on a regular basis.

6. See 1 above.

7. (a) Mr. Dicerni is presently Secretary to the Unemployment Insurance Commission; (b) See 7(a); (c) No.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—TRANSLATION OF DOCUMENTS

Question No. 1,108—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What documents of any and all description (such as any type of form, records, stationery, employee directives, etc.) within the entire Post Office Department have to be translated into the French language?

2. Retroactive to what date will all past records of the Department have to be translated?

3. At what date must all of these translations be completed?

4. What amount of money was spent in the years 1973 and 1974 for translating such documents?