

Order Paper Questions

2. Is it government policy to impose commitments on foreign companies seeking to invest in Canada before applications will be approved by the agency?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned:

1. The Foreign Investment Review Agency does not approve or disapprove applications under the Foreign Investment Review Act. This is a function of the governor in council. A third application by Gannett Co. Inc. to acquire Mediacom Industries Inc., Mediacom Inc. and C.D. Maintenance Services Ltd. was allowed on October 30, 1981. Two previous proposals had been disallowed. Among the various improvements and additional undertakings submitted in the third, successful, application by Gannett was a commitment to purchase from Canadian suppliers for a period of three years the bulk of the newsprint required by a new U.S. national newspaper, assuming that its development proves feasible and successful. This, as is the case with all of the other undertakings, was offered by Gannett in support of its proposal. They were, in turn, accepted by the government as a condition of allowance.

2. It is government policy to allow all applications which offer significant benefit to Canada according to the factors set out in Subsection 2(2) of the Foreign Investment Review Act. Prior to an assessment of whether or not their proposals offer significant benefit to Canada, foreign investors are asked to identify any plans they may have with respect to employment, resource processing, sourcing, exports, Canadian participation, productivity, industrial efficiency, technological development, product innovation, product variety and any other relevant matters. However, it is entirely up to foreign investors to choose their own means to demonstrate that their proposals will be of significant benefit to Canada. In this regard, foreign investors frequently offer undertakings in support of their proposals. The undertakings, in turn, are accepted by the government as a condition of allowance.

MAINTENANCE OF SCHEFFERVILLE AIRPORT

Question No. 3,521—Mr. Ellis:

1. Which company was awarded the contract to maintain and manage the Schefferville airport?

2. What is the fee paid to the company for their services and is the amount paid on a cost plus basis or is it a simple contract agreement at a fixed amount?

3. Will tenders again be called for managing the airport and, if so, on what date?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Quebecair, Montreal International Airport.

2. The contract is based on tendered hourly rates for actual hours of work plus a fixed tendered amount for other expenses associated with fringe benefits, overtime and travel, etc.

Fees are paid to the contractor as follows:

	1980/81	1981/82	1982/83 (option year)
Salaries	\$ 96,053 (est.)	\$ 96,053 (est.)	\$ 96,053 (est.)
Other Expenses	\$ 56,691 (fixed)	\$ 56,691 (fixed)	\$ 56,691 (fixed)
	\$152,744 (est.)	\$152,744 (est.)	\$152,744 (est.)

3. The contract was awarded to Quebecair from June, 1977 to June, 1980. TB 771922 gave authority to amend the contract with Quebecair for a two-year period, plus an optional one-year period. Depending on whether both parties agree to extend the contract for the option year, public tenders may be called in May, 1982, or May, 1983.

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[English]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if question No. 2,808 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 2808 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

UNITY CANADA PUBLICATIONS

Question No. 2,808—Mr. Thacker:

1. Did Unity Canada produce publications during 1979 and, if so, how many?

2. What were the titles of the information publications published in 1979?

3. Since its inception, how many publications did Unity Canada produce?

4. Since its inception, what were the titles of information publications printed by Unity Canada?

5. What was the total cost expended on information publications by Unity Canada (a) in 1979 (b) since its inception?

6. Under what legislation and under what provisions is the financing of Unity Canada publications handled?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Smith: I would ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.