

Questions

Indian Affairs and Northern Development were "full-time" employees under the terms of Section 2 of the Public Service Staff Relations Act, and hence entitled to full benefits in terms of salary, isolation pay, cost-of-living allowances, pensions, etc.?

2. Did the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, before the Treasury Board acknowledgement was made, spend public funds in legal action to oppose the argument that such employees were full-time employees and, if so, how much was spent?

3. How many "part-time" employees were reclassified as "full-time" employees after complaints were lodged against the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development?

4. (a) Have all the affected employees now been reclassified as full-time (b) how many employees were affected?

5. Have all reclassified employees been retroactively paid the salary, allowances, pension and other benefits to which they were entitled as of the 1967 date of the passage of the Public Service Staff Relations Act and, (a) if so, what was the cost of the settlement (b) if not, how many have been so paid and how many remain to be paid?

6. (a) Have all the former employees, who should have been reclassified during their term of employment, received retroactive payments and, if not, how many have been so paid and how many remain to be paid (b) what will be the total cost of this part of the settlement?

7. What were the occupations of the employees involved in this reclassification?

8. How many of these employees were Indians or Eskimos?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Treasury Board acknowledges that if a part-time employee of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is an employee for purposes of Section 2 of the Public Service Staff Relations Act, that person would be entitled to the benefits flowing from the applicable collective agreement.

2. No.

3. One.

4. (a) Yes; (b) one.

5. Yes. (a) \$2,674.32; (b) not applicable.

6. (a) This Department gives full consideration to all requests from former employees as to the possibility of their warranting retroactive payments. No such claims have been identified as requiring such payment to date. (b) Not applicable.

7. Indian Day School caretaker.

8. The employee is Indian.

RADAR AND COMMUNICATION SCHOOL,
CANADIAN FORCES BASE, KINGSTON

Question No. 629—Mr. McKinley:

What is the estimated cost of additional facilities or of renovating facilities that will be required

at Canadian Forces Base Kingston to facilitate the Radar and Communication School now at Canadian Forces Base Clinton for the Department of National Defence?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence): Prior to integration, the three services operated similar training facilities for the electronic and mechanical trades at Clinton, Kingston and Camp Borden. It is now proposed to operate one school for each of these two trade groups at Kingston and Borden. It is estimated that it will initially cost up to \$500,000 to relocate the Communications and Radar School into existing accommodation at Canadian Forces Base Kingston. In the long term, certain temporary facilities will have to be replaced or expanded but detailed studies and estimates will not be available until spring of 1970. As announced on August 13, 1969, the closing of CFB Clinton will result, when completed, in estimated annual savings of \$4.6 million.

CBC-TV SERVICE, KOOTENAY REGION

Question No. 630—Mr. Harding:

1. (a) Is CBC-TV for the Kootenay area of British Columbia being brought into that district from Calgary, Alberta instead of from Vancouver, B.C. and, if so, for what reason (b) when was this service instituted?

2. Does CBC-TV plan on giving the Kootenay area access to all CBC programs and news through Vancouver, B.C. and, if so, when will the change be made

3. Is it possible, with its present facilities, for CBC-TV to provide the Kootenay area with the B.C. regional news and the B.C. weather reports and, if so, why has this service not been instituted?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. (a) The network service is fed from east to west via Calgary to an unmanned network relay station at Trail, B.C. from which rebroadcasting stations in the Kootenay area receive network service. Some B.C. regional programming is videotape recorded at Vancouver and sent to Calgary for use in non-network periods to partly circumvent the lack of direct programming from Vancouver. A separate west to east network to serve the Kootenay area would require the CBC to rent additional microwave circuits from Vancouver back to Trail. (b) The network service from Calgary to Trail, B.C., was instituted in 1960 when the Trail station began operating.

2. The Corporation has recognized the desirability of programming B.C. regional serv-