

## USE OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT

Question No. 1,870—**Mr. Allard:**

Since 1974, how much did each minister spend on each official trip?

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** The information requested is not readily available. To provide an accurate reply would entail a lengthy and costly examination of the accounts of every department, which cost in manpower and time would be exorbitant or prohibitive.

## POSTAL INSTALLATIONS AT RIVERVIEW, NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 1,882—**Mr. Jones:**

1. Did the then Postmaster General reply "soon" to an oral question in the House on October 7, 1974 about the establishment of postal facilities in Riverview, New Brunswick and, if so, on what date will a postal station be erected in Riverview?

2. What has been the real cause of the delay in the erection of a postal station in Riverview?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Postmaster General):** 1. A new mail-processing plant is to be constructed which will serve the city of Moncton, the town of Riverview and the town of Dieppe. It is to be located in the Dieppe Industrial Park and is scheduled for completion late in 1979. Future plans call for construction of postal station in the Riverview area in 1980. This is subject to change depending on further investigation once the new mail-processing plant in Dieppe becomes operational.

2. As stated above, further investigation of postal facility requirements will be necessary following the introduction of the Dieppe mail-processing plant.

## AVENUE ROAD, TORONTO, ONTARIO

Question No. 1,915—**Mr. McKinnon:**

What is the target date for closing or disposing of 1107 Avenue Road, Toronto, Ontario?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence):** The target date for closing is Sept., 1979.

## FLAXSEED

Question No. 1,930—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

Is the government aware of reports that a recent research mission to eastern and western Europe found a definite market for Canadian flax because of its high oil and iodine content and, if so (a) is the government prepared to assist western Canadian flax growers ship their flax directly to these European markets (b) is the government considering offering encouragement for greater flax production and use in Canada?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** In so far as the Canadian Wheat Board is concerned: The Government is aware that a recent flaxseed mission to Eastern and Western Europe reported definite market opportunities for Canadian flaxseed. This is not a new development; the European Economic Community has been our primary flaxseed market in recent years. (a) Flaxseed exports are handled by private grain exporting companies who have the necessary facilities to

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assemble and clean large quantities for export shipment. The Government is prepared to offer normal assistance to flax growers in serving available export markets. (b) The government is not considering incentives to promote flaxseed production and use in Canada. Production in recent years has been adequate to meet domestic and export demand and excess production would depress prices to growers.

## THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BLOOD FRACTIONAL PLANT IN CANADA BY THE RED CROSS

Question No. 1,935—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. Does the government intend to support plans of the Red Cross to build a fractional plant in Canada?

2. Are blood components donated by Canadians being sold overseas by the CDC controlled Connaught Laboratories of Toronto and, if so (a) which components (b) is there a surplus in Canada at the present time?

3. What is the total value of payments Connaught Laboratories received for blood components sold overseas since the Company began its relationship with the Red Cross and over how many years does this relationship extend?

4. Is any percentage of the payments received given to the Red Cross and, if so, what (a) was it at the beginning of the relationship (b) is it at the present time?

5. Is the CDC under orders to make a profit from its operation of Connaught Laboratories in all areas including negotiations with the Canadian Red Cross?

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce, National Health and Welfare and Finance as follows: 1. At the present time Connaught Laboratories is the only Canadian fractionator of blood and undertakes this work in cooperation with the Red Cross. While a Red-Cross-Sponsored feasibility study to determine the cost involved in building its own fractionation plant is being undertaken, no decision by government concerning support for it will be made until this study is completed and a full analysis of the Canadian blood products situation is made, particularly as it relates to Canadian needs, to the activities of the Red Cross, Connaught Laboratories and others involved in the blood biologics field. It is expected to be at least 18 months before any such analysis would be complete.

2 to 5. The CDC operates under a management which was expressly set up in an independent capacity. In these circumstances, it is not considered appropriate to provide details on its internal administration.

## DANIEL COATES—EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES

Question No. 1,945—**Mr. O'Sullivan:**

Has the government or any of its agencies ever paid for educational expenses incurred by Daniel Coates and, if so, in each case (a) what was the amount (b) to whom, or what institution was payment made (c) what was the purpose of any such instruction (d) where and on what date were such expenses incurred (e) under whose prior authorization were the charges incurred (f) under whose authorization were the expenses reimbursed?

**Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Employment and Immigration as follows: Yes (a) \$12,660. (b) Algonquin College, Ottawa. (c) French language instruction. (d) Ottawa, July 7, 1975 to January 31, 1976. (e)