

Order Paper Questions

NATIONAL DEFENCE—COMMAND FUNDING

Question No. 970—Mr. Forrestall:

1. What level of funding was requested by (a) Mobile Command (b) Maritime Command (c) Air Defence Command (d) Training Command (e) Northern Command (f) Transport Command for the current year to meet their assigned primary and secondary roles and, for each, what reductions were made, both expressed in dollar terms?

2. With respect to the estimates for next year, in dollar terms, what are the comparative figures?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. The level of funding requested by the Commands and the expenditures authorized are listed below.

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	Request (thousands) \$	Authorized Expenditures (thousands) \$
(a) Mobile Command	45,113	44,013
(b) Maritime Command	56,527	53,774
(c) Air Defence Command	46,943	45,590
(d) Training Command	48,381	45,971
(e) Northern Region	281	183
(f) Air Transport Command	48,913	46,258

2. Not available until 1975/76 Main Estimates are approved.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Question No. 1,022—Mr. Herbert:

1. On the last date for which information is available, what percentage of persons who had registered as out of work and had found employment had been jobless for less than five weeks?

2. Of the total unemployed, what percentage had (a) voluntarily quit their jobs (b) were lay-offs or discharges?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In so far as the Department of Manpower and Immigration is concerned, the reply is as follows: The department does not maintain a record of these statistics.

REQUEST BY GOLDEN AGE FEDERATION OF QUEBEC FOR INCREASE IN OLD AGE PENSION BENEFITS

Question No. 1,026—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

Since 1964, has Golden Age Federation of Quebec claimed the increase in old age pension benefits and, if so (a) on what date (b) in what manner (letter, petition, meeting)?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The Golden Age Association of Quebec requested that the provision in the legislation which limited the annual increase to OAS pensioners in receipt of the GIS to 2 per cent be amended: (a) May, 1970; (b) By letter supported by a petition. The limit in the annual increase in the pension and the supplement was removed by an amendment to the OAS Act in May 1972. Since then the increases have been in line with the actual rise in the cost of living. Since October 1973, the increases are made in January, April, July and October each year based on actual rises in the cost of living.

[Mr. Foster.]

WOOD ISLANDS-CARIBOU FERRY SERVICE

Question No. 1,050—Mr. MacLean:

1. What plans are underway for increasing the capacity of the Wood Islands-Caribou service in (a) ships (b) terminal construction?

2. On what date is it planned that these improvements and additions will be completed?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. (a) Discussions are currently underway to obtain a fourth vessel for operation in this service during the peak summer period. (b) Construction work is currently underway at both Wood Islands and Caribou which will provide an additional end loading facility at both terminals.

2. (a) If discussions mentioned in 1(a) are fruitful, the fourth vessel should be in operation in June 1975. (b) Completion of the end loading facilities at Wood Islands are scheduled for completion in June 1975. The completion date for the Caribou facilities is July 1975.

GOLDEN AGE PASSPORTS

Question No. 1,093—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

Is it the intention of the government to institute the concept of "Golden Age Passports" as in the United States which are issued without charge to any person 62 years of age or older and entitles the bearer and any person accompanying him or her in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle (a) to enter any designated entrance fee area of the national parks system administered by the department responsible (b) to use any designated special recreation facility provided at any federal outdoor recreation area, excluding those provided by a concessionaire, at the rate of 50 per cent of the established daily special recreation use fee?

Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): It is not our intention to institute such a concept at this time but it is under consideration.

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—BAGGAGE SECURITY

Question No. 1,094—Mr. Reynolds:

1. How many Uniguard baggage security people are on duty at the Vancouver International Airport in Richmond, British Columbia?

2. What is the monthly cost of this service?

3. What is the estimated cost for the year 1975?

4. During 1973, how many articles were reported to the airport RCMP as stolen from the baggage ramps?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. The number of people on duty at any one time varies with need but amounts to a daily requirement for 36 man hours.

2 and 3. This cost is an Air Carrier responsibility.

4. Twenty-six incidents of loss and theft reported.

CANADIAN REGISTERED AIRCRAFT EQUIPPED WITH PRATT AND WHITNEY JT-8D ENGINES

Question No. 1,102—Mr. Mazankowski:

1. What Canadian air carriers, using Boeing 727, 737 and DC-9 aircraft are equipped with Pratt and Whitney JT-8D engines?

2. What action has the Department of Transport taken to ensure that all such aircraft have made necessary modifications to prevent turbine blade separation and consequent engine failure?