

*Order Paper Questions*

**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State):** 1. Under the general direction of the director general, planning, systems and services, develops the departmental framework within which program evaluation is to be accomplished; coordinates, insofar as necessary, departmental evaluation work; recommends to senior management policy changes, based on evaluation results which will improve the effectiveness of the department; encourages the establishment of criteria of effectiveness and performance indicators for departmental objectives; guides program managers in the conduct of evaluations; conducts evaluations where more than one program area is involved.

2. Three people—all ES 5's. The director of evaluation is an AS 7. In addition, there are a small number of officers in the policy and planning units of certain program directorates in the department who, among other duties, plan, develop and direct evaluation of the effectiveness of their respective programs in meeting program objectives.

NOTE: The under secretary of state recently authorized the establishment of an evaluation and audit branch which will become the senior departmental coordinating body for program evaluation and financial and operational audit. Responsibility for organizing the new branch has been assigned to an assistant under secretary who will be assisted by a small task force with the following mandate: 1. To define the objectives and features of an evaluation policy for the department's programs. 2. To determine the methods required to make objective, quantifiable evaluations as far as possible, and share responsibilities. 3. To draw up a plan for evaluation and audit activities. 4. To determine the structure of the new evaluation and audit branch and make it operational.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES EQUALIZATION PROGRAM

Question No. 882—**Mr. Marshall:**

What are the details of the programme known as the Community Services Equalization Programme which is to replace the Neighbourhood Improvement Programme?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** There is not a program known as the Community Services Equalization Program to replace the Neighbourhood Improvement Program. Rather, in discussions which I have had with my provincial colleagues over the past year, I have expressed my concern with ensuring that federal urban related programs are both flexible and equally accessible to all potential users. In this regard, I have outlined three broad alternatives for discussion purposes. The three broad options which have been identified and which have been discussed in general terms with many of my provincial counterparts at various tri-level meetings are: (i) increasing federal assistance programs for such projects as home rehabilitation, neighbourhood improvement and sewerage treatment; (ii) providing funds to the provinces under the condition that the money be passed along to municipalities; and (iii) establishing a direct tax rebate system to reimburse Canadians for some of the heavy tax load they now bear. These matters are continuously being reviewed and

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reflect a concern with ensuring that programs are achieving their objectives in an effective, efficient and equitable manner.

## EXPENDITURES IN CONSTITUENCY OF NICKEL BELT

Question No. 1,114—**Mr. Rodriguez:**

For each fiscal year since 1970, what amount was spent in the Constituency of Nickel Belt by the Department of the Secretary of State and those agencies that report to it?

**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State):** In so far as the Department of the Secretary of State is concerned: records are not kept in such a way as to permit the ready provision of accurate information on grants by electoral districts without inordinate time and expense.

In so far as the Public Service Commission is concerned: the Public Service Commission does not maintain details of expenditure by constituency and is therefore unable to provide the information requested.

In so far as the National Film Board is concerned: Nil.

In so far as the Public Archives are concerned: Nil.

In so far as the National Library is concerned: Nil.

## CANADIAN COMMERCIAL CORPORATION

Question No. 1,194—**Mr. Andre:**

1. What is the Crown's precise financial interest in Canadian Commercial Corporation as administered by the Department of Supply and Services and on what date was such interest acquired, at what cost and for what reason?

2. What was the book value of the Crown's equity on the date of acquisition and what is its latest estimated book value?

3. To date, what is the Crown's total investment, including equity costs, contributions to operating funds, debt forgiveness and what is the Crown's total realized profit from such investment?

4. In what manner is the Crown's interest represented (a) on the Board of Directors (b) in its senior management?

5. Did the government make a policy decision in regard to the future disposition of its interest?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):**

1. The financial interest of the Crown in Canadian Commercial Corporation based on unaudited quarterly financial statements at December 31, 1977 is as follows: Interest on loans, \$156,234; Loan payable to Canada (CCC Act S.8(2)), \$3,300,000; Equity of Canada: Working Capital provided under authority of CCC Act S.8(1), \$10,000,000; Unrealized gain on U.S. Exchange, \$360,873; Surplus, \$320,993; Total financial interest, \$14,138,000. The Canadian Commercial Corporation was established as of May 1, 1946, by act of parliament, for the following purposes: (a) To assist in the development of trade between Canada and other nations, and (b) To assist persons in Canada: 1. To obtain goods and commodities from outside Canada, and 2. To dispose of goods and commodities that are available for export from Canada. By the terms of the act the corporation took over the whole of the undertaking of the Canadian Export Board (established by Order in Council P.C. 70 of January 31, 1944), which agency was at that time carrying out procurement functions in Canada on behalf of foreign governments, United Nations