

Questions

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): In so far as the Department of Justice is concerned:

1. No.
2. Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS—INDUSTRY,
TRADE AND COMMERCE

Question No. 2,268—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce have a public relations staff and, if so, how many?
2. What is the total cost of the public relations for the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. The Publicity Branch of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is engaged in developing publicity, industrial promotion, and sales promotion activities around the world as part of the Department's program of industrial and trade development. The Canadian Government Travel Bureau carries out information and publicity services as part of the Departmental activity of travel promotion. Most of the work involved for the Department and the Travel Bureau is not of a character normally associated with the term "public relations". Staff figures of officials classified as Information Service Officers are listed in the reply to written question No. 2,018 made an Order for Return in the House of Commons on July 14, 1969.

2. Expenditures of the Trade Publicity Branch and the Information and Promotion Branch of the two former Departments, as well as for the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, are listed in reply to written question No. 2,291.

CROWN CORPORATIONS—SALE OF SHARES
TO PUBLIC

Question No. 2,434—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the federal government consider selling shares in Crown Corporations to the public?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): The Government has no present intention to make available shares in Crown Corporations for purchase by the public.

MONTREAL—PORT ADVISORY BOARD

Question No. 2,451—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Does the government intend to set up an advisory board for the Port of Montreal?

2. Does the government intend to appoint a representative of the City of Montreal as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Harbours Board?

3. Has the government studied the Merineau Report which calls for the establishment of a harbours board for Canada but giving more independence to local authorities and, if so, at what stage is such study?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Parts (1), (2) and (3) of Question No. 2,451 concern specific aspects of the administration of Canadian ports. The government has currently under review the matter of administrative systems of all harbours and will on completion of this review, consider such changes which are deemed to be desirable.

APPLICATION OF GOVERNMENT COMPANIES
OPERATION ACT

Question No. 2,453—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Does the Government Companies Operation Act presently apply to Polymer Corporation Limited and, if not, for what reason?

2. Does the government intend to adopt the same approach toward (a) Eldorado Nuclear Limited (b) Eldorado Aviation Limited, and (c) Northern Transportation Company Limited?

3. If not, for what reason?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. No. Polymer Corporation Limited is in keen competition with publicly owned companies throughout the world and it is essential for its continued success that it be free to act quickly in response to changing business conditions and have the same relative freedom of action as its competitors.

2 and 3. No consideration has been given to adopt the same approach at this time.

TOBACCO ADVERTISING—STUDY BY CRTC

Question No. 2,455—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Has the Canadian Radio-Television Commission studied, is it studying, or will it study the possibility of banning tobacco advertising and, if not, for what reason?

2. Does the government intend to issue directives in that respect?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of the Secretary of State and the Department of National Health and Welfare as follows: 1. The Canadian Radio-Television Commission has studied the matter of tobacco advertising,