

Questions

Contracts for the payment to a province of costs incurred for supplying courses under the Adult Occupational Training Act provide for: (a) interim payments each month based on the number of training places occupied in the previous month, and a per-student cost specified in a schedule to the contract, and (b) a final settlement which is determined by subtracting interim payments from total costs.

The province is required, within one year following the close of the fiscal year in which the costs were incurred, to submit a claim for the total costs of providing training. Provinces customarily submit such claims late in the ensuing fiscal year, covering all training supplied during the previous fiscal year. Because of this arrangement, total cost data are currently available only in respect of training conducted in the fiscal year 1967/68. In that year only two courses, Basic Training for Skill Development (16 students) and Heavy Equipment Operator (15 students) were provided at Moosonee.

2. For the fiscal year 1967/68 the province submitted its total cost claim, dated April 9, 1969, amounting to \$106,695, and indicating a balance due from the federal government of \$81,655. This amount was paid on 14 May, 1969. As previously agreed between the federal and provincial governments, payments are in all cases subject to any adjustment which may be required by subsequent federal audit.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Question No. 2,422—**Mr. Robinson:**

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

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): In so far as the Post Office Department: 1. (a) Yes, carrying out a combined information and public relations program; (b) Headquarters, 27; Field, 28 (plus support staff shared with other functions).

2. *1960-61, \$262,258; *1961-62, \$312,738; *1962-63, \$300,623; *1963-64, \$270,943; 1964-65, \$377,416; 1965-66, \$416,060; 1966-67, \$515,387; 1967-68, \$583,585; 1968-69, \$764,594.

Note: Salary costs for field personnel not included as the information cannot be extracted from expenditure records without substantial delay and excessive cost.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

* Salaries and travel costs for Headquarters personnel not included. These were not segregated in a separate allotment prior to 1964-65.

FEDERAL PARKS IN QUEBEC

Question No. 2,454—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Does the government intend to establish other federal parks in the Province of Quebec (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, where?
2. Since the adoption of the Act respecting federal parks, how much money has been spent on federal parks and of that amount, how much has gone to the Province of Quebec?
3. Is the government negotiating with the Government of the Province of Quebec with a view to establishing other federal parks in that Province?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. (a) The federal government would welcome any request from the province of Quebec for the establishment of other National Parks in that province; (b) Any area in the province considered of national significance and worthy of preservation for future generations.

2. Since the establishment of the first National Park (Banff) in 1885, \$355,289,424 was spent on National Parks in Canada. (This comprises Operation and Maintenance Capital investments and money spent on trunk highways.) Since there were no National Parks in Quebec, no money was spent in that province for National Parks.

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CANADIAN OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATION
EXPROPRIATIONSQuestion No. 2,456—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Did the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation expropriate assets of Canadian Marconi Ltd. and of Cable and Wireless Ltd. and, if so, on what date?
2. Was compensation made and on what date?
3. What compensation in the case of each company was made, on what basis was it set, and was reference made to the Exchequer Court in that connection?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications): The Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation reports as follows: 1. The Corporation expropriated all the assets of Canadian Marconi Company Ltd. and Cable and Wireless Ltd. in Canada which had been operated for overseas telecommunications services. Notices of expropriation with respect to Canadian Marconi