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5. Who was the bonding company for sub contracts?
6. With whom was the insurance placed for sub trades?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. No.

2. Tenders were not requested because it was essential that the building owner carry out the work, which affected the building's mechanical and electrical services, to maintain continuity of guarantees under the lease arrangements.

3. The owner of the building, Gillin Engineering and Construction Limited engaged the contractor.

4, 5 and 6. Not applicable.

#### OTTAWA—TOWER "B", PLACE DE VILLE

**Question No. 476—Mr. Paproski:**

1. Were tenders called for contract 9C-07932 covering alterations to floors 9, 10, 16 to 21, Tower "B", Place de Ville and, if so (a) what was the number of bids received (b) what was the highest and what was the lowest (c) what bid was accepted (d) how was the notice of tender publicized?

2. If no tenders were submitted, for what reason?

3. Who was awarded the contract?

4. If the Department of Public Works executed the contract (a) what was the cost of (i) architectural supervision (ii) engineering supervision (iii) excavation (iv) foundation (v) super structure roofing contractor and concrete supplier (vi) masonry construction (vii) interior divisions plastering and interior finish partition (viii) heating and air conditioning (ix) electrical wiring (x) plumbing and heating (b) by whom was same done?

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**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. No.

2. Tenders were not requested because it was essential that the building owner carry out the work, which affected the building's mechanical and electrical services, to maintain continuity of guarantees under the lease arrangements.

3. The owner of the building, Campeau Corporation engaged the contractor.

4, 5 and 6. Not applicable.

#### RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS—STUDIES OF POSSIBLE ECOLOGY EFFECTS

**Question No. 479—Mr. Anderson:**

1. What steps does the government plan to take to give legal force to the recommendations of the Science Council of Canada that persons embarking on resource development should first research the possible damage to the ecology of the region in question?

2. Is the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources or any other department undertaking any study of the effect of the Bennett Dam on the ecology of the area near Fort Chipewyan, Alberta?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and Fisheries and Forestry as follows: 1. Resource development programs on all lands coming within federal government

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jurisdiction are controlled by departments of this government and such programs will be studied to ensure at all times that possible ecology effects are known. The recently announced federal government guidelines for pipeline construction in the north is an example of government policy in this regard. Under the Fisheries Act potential developers may be required to submit plans and specifications of their proposed works, so that pollution control provisions can be checked and approved or rejected.

2. The governments of Canada and Alberta have agreed to establish a task force to be headed by a Director nominated by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, to gather all of the information required to make firm recommendations to both governments on the action necessary to assure that the needs of the Peace-Athabasca Delta region are met by the spring of 1972. It is assumed that the region referred to is the area near Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. The information to be compiled by the task force will include study of the effect of the W.A.C. Bennett Dam on the ecology of the Peace-Athabasca Delta region. The Department of Fisheries and Forestry is setting up a task force to gather relevant data on the Lake Athabasca problem, and to determine appropriate remedial action.

#### NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE—LIST OF DRUG QUALITY AND EQUIVALENCY

**Question No. 486—Mrs. MacInnis:**

On what date will the government make public its list of drug quality and equivalency as recommended by the Special Committee on Drug Costs and Prices in 1967 along the lines already undertaken by the Ontario Government?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** The Department of National Health and Welfare will publish the first list of drug products meeting specified criteria of quality, early in the year 1971. This material will appear in the Drug Information Bulletin "R<sub>x</sub>", a monthly publication of the Food and Drug Directorate which is sent to all physicians, dentists, veterinarians, and retail and hospital pharmacies in Canada.

#### ARGENTIA-PLACENTIA, NFLD.—DESIGNATION AS SPECIAL AREA

**Question No. 495—Mr. Carter:**

1. Has the Newfoundland provincial Government made representations to the Department of Regional and Economic Expansion to have the Argentia-Placentia area designated as a special area?

2. Was the Argentia-Placentia area included in the Newfoundland provincial Government's recommendations for the designation of special areas under the Department of Regional and Economic Expansion in that province?

3. Has the Newfoundland provincial Government requested assistance from the appropriate department for the provision of Technical and Trade School facilities in the Argentia-Placentia area?

4. Has an offer of assistance been extended by the government to the Newfoundland provincial Government for the provision of a Technical and Trade School in the Argentia-Placentia area and, if so, was the offer accepted or rejected?