

unpaid volunteers since 1967. Results of those surveys have been published annually in Canadian Wildlife Service progress notes 15, 21, 26, 32, 38, and 45. These surveys are a useful contribution to monitoring environmental quality across the country.

2. The project was not advertised because a man of the required background and experience to undertake the work was available.

3. Not applicable.

4. The final report was received June 11, 1975 by both the scientific procurement officer D.S.S. and the scientific authority—Canadian Wildlife Service.

5. Bachelor of Science in Biology, Queen's University; Master of Science, Dalhousie University, specializing in avian ecology, plus required background in statistics.

6. Since June 1973—\$19,100 in contracts and term employment to undertake various studies including design of an efficient aerial survey method for estimating numbers of geese; a study of invertebrates utilized by shorebirds in the Minas Basin; a survey of shorebird migration patterns in the Maritime provinces; analysis of beaver population data; and collection of field data on bird populations in Nova Scotia. The contract referred to in parts 1 to 4 was to analyse the data gathered in the summer of 1974.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER PORTS—ICEBREAKING COSTS

Question No. 2,847—Mr. Forrestall:

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 2,449, can the \$8,600,000 best Department of Transport estimate of the cost of ice-breaking services for the ports of the St. Lawrence River be broken into annual costs and, if so, what are they for the period given?

2. Does such estimate include capital costs of icebreaker acquisition and, if not, for what reason?

3. (a) What is the government's total capital expenditure to date since 1965 for icebreakers (b) how much of this, if any, can be attributed to the provision of services outside the St. Lawrence River?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. The breakdown on an annual basis of the cost of icebreaking services for the ports of the St. Lawrence River is as follows: 69-70, \$1,021,550; 70-71, \$1,169,750; 71-72, \$1,314,900; 72-73, \$1,415,050; 73-74, \$1,734,950; 74-75, \$1,948,750; Total: \$8,604,950.

2. This estimate does not include the capital cost of icebreakers used in performing the icebreaking function because in government accounting, capital costs are written off in the year in which funds are appropriated.

3. (a) The capital cost of icebreakers commissioned since 1965 is \$48,844,000, (4 ships). (b) These vessels are used in the St. Lawrence River, Great Lakes, Gulf of St. Lawrence, around Newfoundland and in the Arctic and it would be difficult to pro-rate capital costs on such a diverse spread.

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA JUDGES' SECRETARIES

Question No. 2,851—Mr. Forrestall:

1. For each year since 1969, what classification of secretary was provided to a Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada?

2. What was the pay range for such classifications?

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3. Since 1969, what was (a) the increase in pay one year over the other, in percentage (b) the total increase in pay for such secretaries?

4. What was the total increase in pay of Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada since 1969?

5. Is the government aware of the salaries paid to secretaries to Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States and (a) if so, what is the present rate of pay (b) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Justice): 1. ST-SEC 5 (formerly ST-8).

2.	Actual Period Involved	Pay Range
1969	October 1/68—October 1/69	\$ 7,807—\$ 8,579
1970	October 1/69—October 1/70	8,236— 9,051
1971	October 1/70—September 27/71	8,771— 9,639
1972	September 27/71—September 25/72	9,297— 10,217
1973	September 25/72—September 24/73	9,762— 10,728
1974	September 24/73—April 1/74	10,543 — 11,586
	April 1/74—December 2/74	11,043 — 12,086
1975	December 2/74 to date	11,871 — 12,992

3. Based on maximum of the range: (a)

Year	per cent Increase
1970	5.5
1971	6.5
1972	6.0
1973	5.0
1974	12.6
1975	7.5

(b) From October 1, 1969 to date—\$4,413.

4. \$26,000.

5. No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Salaries of secretaries to the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, in common with those of all other secretaries in the Federal Public Service of Canada, are set in accordance with established government policy, which takes into account pay relativities outside the Public Service but within Canada only.

NATIVE HOUSING

Question No. 2,939—Mr. Brisco:

1. How many houses for Natives were built at Pine Point, NWT, in 1974?

2. How many houses (a) have been built (b) are being built (c) will be built in 1975?

3. In each case, what is the relevant cost per house?

Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):

1. None.