

AGRICULTURE CANADA—EMPLOYEES IN THE SX
CLASSIFICATION

Question No. 351—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. As of March 31, 1979 (a) how many persons in the SX classification were employed by the Department of Agriculture (b) how many were (i) Francophones (ii) females?
2. What are the present totals?
3. Was there a structural change in the Department since March 31, 1979, and, if so, what effect did such a change have on the number of SX's employed?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):

1. (a) 36;
(b) (i) 9,
(ii) None.
2. (a) 41, including 2 in acting capacity;
(b) (i) 9,
(ii) None.
3. Yes, however it did not affect the number of SX's employed.

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION—ASSISTANCE

Question No. 379—**Mr. Herbert:**

Does the Export Development Corporation restrict the assistance it offers to Canadian business in cases where the exports are to countries that are not diplomatically recognized by Canada?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of State, Trade): Export Development Corporation advises: For business carried out by the corporation for its own account, using the corporation's own funds and at the corporation's risk, insurance and guarantees under section 24 and loans and guarantees under section 29 of the Export Development Act, diplomatic recognition is not a factor in determining whether the facility should be provided in the case of a transaction where the risk is purely commercial. However, it has been EDC's practice not to offer its loan services in support of an export transaction to a country not diplomatically recognized by Canada where the creditworthiness of the transaction would require a guarantee by the government of the country involved or by an agency thereof. Transactions which the corporation has undertaken for the government's account following a decision of the cabinet, have involved countries diplomatically recognized by Canada. The transactions in that category are insurance and guarantees under section 27 of the act and loans and guarantees under section 31 of the act, in all of which government funds are used or are at risk.

AGRICULTURE CANADA—NUMBER OF LAWYERS ON STAFF

Question No. 607—**Mr. Howie:**

How many lawyers are employed on staff in the Department of Agriculture?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): The Department of Justice has assigned six lawyers to serve Agriculture Canada, its boards and agencies.

Order Paper Questions

CFB GAGETOWN—MILITARY PERSONNEL

Question No. 646—**Mr. Howie:**

What was the total number of military personnel stationed at CFB Gagetown on April 1 (a) 1980 (b) 1979 (c) 1978 (d) 1975?

Mrs. Ursula Appoloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): (a) 3,111; (b) 3,273; (c) 3,271; (d) 2,741.

LABOUR—STUDIES ON ALTERNATIVES TO STRIKE ACTION

Question No. 665—**Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1977, to date, did the Department of Labour conduct studies into alternatives to strike action?

Hon. Gerald Regan (Minister of Labour): The Department of Labour is continually researching and reviewing innovative ways in which to improve labour-management relations in the federal private sector and in doing so, reduce the incidence of strike and lockout action. Over the past few years, Labour Canada has attempted to improve the industrial relations system through legislative amendments to the Canada Labour Code as well as through a variety of program initiatives. In addition, the mediation and conciliation branch of the federal mediation and conciliation service of Labour Canada has carried out a program of "preventive mediation", involving themselves in the resolution of industrial relations problems which surface during the life of the collective agreement. In an effort to assist existing and potential union leaders to acquire additional knowledge and skills necessary to effectively discharge their collective bargaining responsibilities, the Labour Education Support Program was introduced to provide financial assistance to legally-constituted union organizations in Canada to develop and promote educational activities. These and other initiatives undertaken by Labour Canada are aimed at fostering a sense of joint responsibility in making the industrial relations system work more efficiently and with less disruption.

CFB BORDEN—PERSONNEL

Question No. 679—**Mr. Stewart:**

1. During the year (a) 1976 (b) 1977 (c) 1979, how many civilian personnel were employed at CFB Borden?
2. For the same years, what was the total number of military personnel stationed at CFB Borden?

Mrs. Ursula Appoloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):

1. As of April 1
(a) 1,403;
(b) 1,813;
(c) 1,591.
2. As of April 1
(a) 3,141;
(b) 3,352;
(c) 3,283.