

Order Paper Questions

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM

Question No. 216—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What was the total number of applications received by the LIP for assistance in the fiscal year ended 1971, by province?
2. Of those approved, how many applications were exercised by the applicants, by province?
3. What was the total operating cost of the Program for the same period (a) exclusive of grants (b) inclusive of grants?
4. What was the average cost, based on the above, of each decision made by the Program on applications received?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. In the Fiscal year ended March 31, 1971, the Local Initiatives Program was not in existence.

2. N/A.
3. N/A.
4. N/A.

BILINGUAL FACILITIES AT CUSTOMS OFFICES, PORTS OF LANSLOWNE AND JOHNSTOWN

Question No. 226—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Have surveys been conducted to determine the need for bilingual facilities at Canada Customs Offices at the Ports of Lansdowne and Johnstown, Ontario, by the Department of National Revenue and, if so (a) on what dates were such surveys taken (b) by whom were such surveys taken (c) by what methods were such surveys conducted (d) what were the specific results of such surveys?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue): Yes. (a) (b) (c) and (d). Please see following statement.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
August, 1969	Management of Central Ontario Region.	In accordance with Section 10 of the Official Languages Act a study was made of the English-French make up of the geographical areas served by the international bridges at Prescott and Lansdowne, using the 1961 Census figures.	The estimated demand for service in the French language warranted the provision of bilingual resources.
September 1969 to March, 1970	Uniformed Examining Officers	The number of occasions they were addressed in French or specifically requested by the travelling public to provide service in French.	Inconclusive due to the long standing habit of the travelling public only dealing with our officers in English at these centres.
April, 1970	District Collector (Ottawa)	A statistical study of returning Canadians based on the number of vehicles and passengers and the linguistic composition of the geographic areas served by the two bridges.	Extrapolation of this data indicates a significant number of French-speaking Canadians use the bridges at Prescott and Lansdowne annually.
October, 1971	District Collector (Ottawa)	Analysis of sampling of Exemption Entries (E. 24).	Of the total number of exemptions filed by returning Canadian Residents at Lansdowne and Prescott, approximately 25% were estimated to have been presented by French-speaking Canadians.

EXPLORATION FOR PETROLEUM RESERVES AT SUFFIELD MILITARY RESERVE

Question No. 248—**Mr. Andre:**

Did the Department of National Defence, during 1972, engage any firms for the purpose of exploring for petroleum reserves on the Suffield Military Reserve and, if so, what firms were given contracts and what was the amount of the contract in each case?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): During 1972, no firms were engaged for the purpose of exploring for petroleum reserves at CFB Suffield. However, through Defence Construction (1951) Limited, contracts were awarded to three companies to perform work on the development and improvement of existing station gas supplies which provide fuel for all utility purposes on the base: Dresser Industries Inc.—completion of wells, \$33,797.00; Kenting Big Indian Drilling—drilling seven wells, \$90,923.00; Western Industrial Contractors Ltd.—collector system and testing, \$33,975.00.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—"MV BLUENOSE"

Question No. 262—**Mr. Haliburton:**

1. Is the *MV Bluenose* fulfilling, and is it expected to continue fulfilling adequately the Canadian transportation requirements for (a) tourist needs (b) freight needs (c) cars (d) trucks, between Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and Bar Harbour, Maine?

[Mr. Prud'homme.]

2. Has the Department of Transport a plan in being to replace or to assist in the replacement of this vessel with a new and enlarged ship and, if so (a) on what date is it planned that such a replacement should take place (b) has the replacement ship been designed (c) what will be the carrying capacity?

3. Has the Department of Transport a plan in being to enlarge or to assist in the enlargement of the ferry terminal at Yarmouth and, if so, on what date is it planned that enlargement should take place?

4. (a) How many days each year of the past three years was the *MV Bluenose* not in service (b) how many trailers were not able to get on that boat in the past three years because of size?

5. What advertising does CNR do to promote the use of the *MV Bluenose*?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. (a) (b) (c) and (d) Yes.

2. The Department of Transport has no plans at present of replacing or assisting in the replacement of the *MV Bluenose* in this service.

3. Not at this time.

4. (a) 1970, 48 days on annual refit, 2 days off for Christmas 1970; 1971, 28 days on annual refit, 2 days off for Christmas, 2 days bad weather; 1972, 27 days on annual refit, 2 days off for Christmas; (b) Trailers are usually local traffic and as such, vessel limitations are generally