

Questions

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

STUDY OF URBAN PROBLEMS

Question No. 77—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Is a study on Housing Policy or Urban Problems being conducted on behalf of or under the auspices of the Minister without Portfolio and, if so, what aspects of these problems are being studied?

2. How many people have been hired or are on contract in connection with this study?

3. Who are these people and what are their qualifications?

4. What is the annual salary or remuneration in each case?

5. What will be the total cost of this study?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):

1. A study of Urban Problems, including housing policy and the impact of federal government activities in urban communities, has been undertaken by the Minister without Portfolio, Responsible for Housing under the auspices of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

2. A study was carried out by Dr. N. H. Lithwick, Professor, Carleton University, with the assistance of members of the staff of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, other Federal Government agencies and departments, universities, and other professionals.

3 and 4. These people were hired on a confidential basis. It is not therefore appropriate to divulge their names or the terms of their engagement.

5. The total cost of the study, to November 30, 1970, was \$121,210.02, excluding costs attributable to the staff of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and other Federal government agencies.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S.—FEDERAL BUILDING

Question No. 162—**Mr. Crouse:**

1. Has any progress been made in acquiring a site for a new federal building at Bridgewater, Nova Scotia?

2. On what date is it anticipated a site will be acquired?

3. After acquisition of a site, on what date does the government plan construction of a federal building?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1 and

2. The site investigation is still in progress.

3. It is not possible to set a target date for the construction of the building until a site has been acquired.

URBAN RENEWAL PLANS

Question No. 209—**Mr. Gilbert:**

1. For the present fiscal year, what urban renewal plans have been submitted to the federal government?

2. Which plans have been (a) approved (b) not approved?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio):

1. For the period January 1 to September 30, 1970, (the Corporation's fiscal year is the calendar year), the following applications for urban renewal projects under Section 23B of the National Housing Act were received

[Mr. Benson.]

by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation: Corner Brook, Newfoundland; Moncton, New Brunswick; Hamilton and Kitchener, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba—Midland Railway and Theatre Centre Area; Kamsack, Saskatchewan; Calgary, Alberta.

2. (a) All the applications listed in 1 above have been approved. (b) Nil.

PUBLIC WORKS—CONFEDERATION BUILDING, OTTAWA

Question No. 299—**Mr. Paproski:**

1. Were tenders called for contract CR-67-2702 to cover general alterations to the Confederation Building 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, what was the 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?

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. Yes, (a) Seven tenders were received. (b) Highest tender, 188,000., lowest tender, \$153,500. (c) Lowest tender. (d) Public advertisement: Newspapers—Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Hull; La Voix de la Construction, Montreal; Daily Commercial News Toronto; Heavy Construction News, Toronto.

2. Not applicable.

3. M. J. Lafortune Construction Limited.

4. (a) and (b), (i) \$4,668.90, Ingram and Pye, Architects. (ii) None. (iii) to (x) In very few cases does the Department require the General Contractor to list on the tender form all the names of the subcontractors they propose using. A cost breakdown by trades, as provided by the General Contractor, is attached including the names of those trades which were required to be listed.

5. and 6. The contractual arrangements are directly between the Department and the General Contractor. Consequently the matter of performance bonds and insurance for subcontractors is the sole responsibility of the General Contractor.

Cost Breakdown by Trades—General Alterations to Confederation Building—Contract N.C.R.—67-2702: General, \$3,994; Electrical, \$69,000; Drywall, plaster and lath, \$14,600; floor tile, \$800; glazing, \$818; painting, \$40,200; hardware, \$3,911; venetian blinds, \$8,908; carpentry, \$11,269.

GROS MORNE NATIONAL PARK—MINING EXPLORATIONS

Question No. 426—**Mr. Marshall:**

Has the Province of Newfoundland agreed to dispense with further mining exploration in the proposed area within the boundaries of the Gros Morne National Park?