

Hon. Chas L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment): No. However, the Department of the Environment agreed to purchase the Mingan Islands in the Province of Quebec. (a) The cost was \$5,000,000. (b) The purpose was to establish a national park. (c) The transaction was completed on July 8, 1983.

BANFF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

Question No. 488—**Mr. Howie:**

Did the Department of the Environment agree to assist the Banff water supply system and, if so, what was the cost of the assistance?

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Minister of the Environment): As owner of the Banff water supply system, the Department of the Environment is responsible for its funding. The current estimated cost of the funding is \$3,800,000.

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Question No. 557—**Mr. Ogle:**

1. With reference to the annual report of the Canadian International Development Agency under "Special Contributions" did the Agency make such contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency and, if so, did such contributions rise from nil three years ago to \$400,000 in 1980-81 and to \$520,000 in 1981-82?

2. For what purposes are these contributions used?

3. Are these contributions consistent with the Agency's mandate?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Canada along with other donor countries has been a member of the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) since 1962. The Fund's mandate is to promote the transfer of theoretical and practical knowledge on the utilization of atomic energy for peaceful purposes and to assist developing countries in improving the efficiency and security of their activities in the atomic energy field. Particular fields of activity covered by projects administered by the Fund are general atomic energy development, nuclear physics, nuclear chemistry, prospecting, mining and processing of nuclear materials, nuclear engineering and technology, the application of isotopes and radiation in agriculture, medicine, biology, industry and hydrology and safety in nuclear energy.

In the statistical annex of CIDA's Annual Review 1981-82 the line "special contribution" is a mistake. Special contributions to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund have not been made since 1978. However, a Canadian "special contribution" for technical assistance was given to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), an independent inter-governmental organization under the aegis of the United Nations, in the total amount of Canadian \$300,000 payable in three equal installments, one in 1977 and two in 1978.

2. This "special contribution" was used to support several projects in developing countries in the fields of agriculture and medicine, these projects having been approved by the IAEA but for which no funds were available under the Agency's (i.e. IAEA) technical assistance program.

Borrowing Authority Act

The amount of \$.32 million for 1979-80 shown in the Annual Review represents Canada's regular annual contribution to the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund of the IAEA. This figure should show on the above line "International Atomic Energy Agency" and in line with \$.40 million for 1980-81 and \$.52 million for 1981-82.

3. Membership in the Technical Assistance and Co-operation Fund of the International Atomic Energy Agency falls within CIDA's mandate to support multilateral technical co-operation efforts.

CANADA COUNCIL

Question No. 577—**Mr. Howie:**

1. In (a) the current fiscal year (b) each of the two preceding fiscal years, with respect to the Canada Council (i) what total amount was expended by the Council (ii) how many persons were employed by the Council (iii) what amount was expended for staff remuneration?

Hon. Francis Fox (Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows:

	1983-84*	1982-83	1981-82
(i) Total expenditures	\$77,405,000	\$72,005,329	\$62,828,982
(ii) Total person years	235	230	224
(iii) Staff remuneration:			
Salaries and wages	\$ 7,171,000	\$ 6,469,720	\$ 6,009,387
Employee benefits	831,600	806,101	666,443
	\$ 8,002,600	\$ 7,275,821	\$ 6,675,830

* Projected figures for current fiscal year

[English]

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1984-85

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. MacLaren that Bill C-21, an Act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone).