

Order Paper Questions

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 148 and 277.

[Text]

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Question No. 148—Mr. Boudria:

1. What was the cost to the Government for the Christmas trees and decorations located on the grounds of Parliament Hill including the cost of decorators, movers, and any person directly or indirectly involved in the project?

2. Did the Canadian taxpayer pay for any part of this?

3. Were there any contracts awarded by public tender and (a) if so, in what amount (b) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): 1, 2 and 3. The three Christmas trees on Parliament Hill were provided and installed under the supervision of the National Capital Commission. The costs of acquisition, transportation, erection, taking down and disposal of the trees was \$1,891.27.

No contracts for this work were awarded by public tender for the reason that the amounts involved were too small.

The Christmas trees were decorated by Public Works tradespersons using existing lights from previous years.

CANADA/GASPÉ AND LOWER ST. LAWRENCE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Question No. 277—Mr. Ouellet:

1. Did the Government implement the Canada/Gaspé and Lower St. Lawrence Economic Development Plan in May, 1983 and, if so, were federal expenditures amounting to \$224.5 million approved?

2. Which projects (a) were completed (b) are under way in the transportation sector and, in each case, what (i) is the location (ii) is a description of the works and studies undertaken (iii) amounts were allocated?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Regional Industrial Expansion and Transport as follows:

1. Yes. The Canada/Gaspé and Lower St. Lawrence Economic Development Plan was launched in May, 1983, endowed with a \$224.5 million budget for the first five years (1983-1988). The plan is a 15 year multi-sectoral economic development plan.

Since the launching of the plan in May, 1983, more than \$87 million have been spent or committed by the various departments participating in the plan. On the basis that special budgets intended for the region under the plan should not replace the regular budgets already allocated to each depart-

ment, the total budgetary envelope has been increased from \$224.5 million to \$264 million.

2. (a) (i), (ii), (iii):

	Amounts allocated thousands \$
Air Transportation	
—Gaspé Airport	
—navigational aids: installation of a VOR-DME	427.0
—repaving of runway	1,270.0
—Mont-Joli Airport	
—reconstruction of flight service station	379.0
—installation of a hangar fume evacuation station	50.0
—energy conservation measures	40.0
—purchase of restaurant equipment	28.0
—Rimouski Airport	
—paving of runway	723.0
—installation of runway identification lights	59.0
—Rivière-du-Loup Airport	
—drainage of runway	156.0
Marine Transportation	
—Public Port of Gros-Cacouna	
—construction of access road	1,000.0
—Public Port of Matane	
—construction of access road	150.0
—Public Port of Rimouski	
—development of storage area	1,000.0

(b) (i), (ii), (iii):

	Amounts allocated thousands \$
Air Transportation	
—Gaspé Airport	
—installation of safety fence	222.0
—Mont-Joli Airport	
—extension and paving of taxiways	1,935.0
—Rimouski Airport	
—development of a zoning plan	100.0
—Rivière-du-Loup Airport	
—repaving of runway	1,948.0
—Ste-Anne-des-Monts Airport	
—paving of runway	900.0
—Pabos-Chandler Airport (project being reviewed)	845.0
—Civil Aviation regional master plan	95.0
Marine Transportation	
—Public Port of Gros-Cacouna	
—extension of wharf by 100 metres	5,616.7
—Public Port of Matane	
—enlargement of storage area by 8,000 square metres	5,214.0
—Public Port of Gaspé-Sandy Beach	
—reconstruction of wharf and facilities	11,566.0
Rail Passenger Services	
—Restoration of 13 stations between Sayabec and Gaspé:	
—reconstruction or renovation and interior and exterior improvements	2,148.0