

Order Paper Questions

AIR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS SALARIES

Question No. 1,219—Mr. Howie:

What amount has been budgeted for salaries for the present year of operation of Air Command Headquarters at Winnipeg?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): For fiscal year 1976/77: Military Personnel, \$5,720,000; Civilian personnel, 1,740,000; Total, \$7,460,000.

	1974	1975	1976
January	NA	15	18
February	NA	10	10
March	NA	23	19
April	2	19	38
May	6	15	33
June	11	6	21
July	13	18	30
August	19	10	37
September	6	11	41
October	16	16	55
November	18	17	31
December	11	12	—

PMQ SURPLUS AT GAGETOWN

Question No. 1,222—Mr. Howie:

Has the Department of National Defence identified one hundred PMQ units at CFB Gagetown as surplus to the Department's needs and have the units been offered for sale and, if so, to whom and for what amount?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): The proposed changes to the land force posture make it necessary for DND to retain all the Gagetown PMQ units for the foreseeable future. No units have been offered for sale.

DELETIONS OF CIVILIAN POSITIONS AT GAGETOWN

Question No. 1,223—Mr. Howie:

1. Are any permanent civilian positions at CFB Gagetown being deleted from the plan or organization within the next year and, if so, how many?

2. What is the total annual payment in salaries for such positions?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes. Two.

2. \$19,000.

FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY

Question No. 1,231—Mr. Beatty:

1. For each month since the creation of the Foreign Investment Review Agency, how many cases have come before it for approval?

2. How many applications have been (a) approved (b) refused?

3. What is the (a) shortest (b) longest (c) average (d) mean amount of time expressed in days, between the date of application and the date on which a decision was made?

4. Has the time limit for an offer to purchase ever expired prior to the FIRA making a decision on an application and, if so (a) in how many cases (b) in each case (i) what was the company involved (ii) how many days did it take to make a decision?

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Foreign Investment Review Agency is concerned: 1. The number of reviewable cases received monthly since inception of the Foreign Investment Review Act are:

[Mr. Lalonde.]

2. As of December 3, 1976, the Governor in Council had (a) allowed 345 applications; (b) refused to allow 53 applications. In addition, 65 applications had been withdrawn.

3. Between the date of certification of receipt of an application and the date of decision by the Governor in Council: (a) the shortest amount of time was eight days; (b) the longest amount of time was 484 days; (c) the average amount of time was 112 days; (d) See (c).

4. (a) To the best of the agency's knowledge, there have been at least six acquisition cases in which the offer to purchase expired before a decision was made by the Governor in Council. There may have been other cases as investors are not obliged to advise the agency of any time limits applicable to their investment proposals. Also, in a number of cases purchase agreements have been extended pending a decision under the act. (b) Ordinarily, in cases where a purchase agreement expires before a decision is taken by the Governor in Council and the agreement is not extended, the case is withdrawn and, consistent with the requirements of section 14 of the act, the names of the parties to the proposed acquisition are not made public by the government.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Question No. 1,242—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

Is the government aware of the observation of the Senate Agricultural Committee that "paternalism overrides all else in agriculture and rural development policy" and that "an imposition of bureaucratic wishes upon and against the farmers' will is all too common" and, if so, is it the intention of the government to look into these reports with a view to changing the present procedure?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Yes. The government is aware of these observations which are quoted from page 77 of the report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture entitled "Kent County Can be Saved". It is current procedure to involve farmers and/or their representa-