

Questions

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE TRAINING OTHER THAN FRENCH AND ENGLISH

Question No. 289—**Mr. Robison:**

Under the multicultural policy, will the government allot funds to provide language training in languages other than French and English?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Not at present. This matter is under investigation in a study of a Culture Development Program referred to in the document tabled in the House by the Prime Minister on October 8, 1971, and is being discussed with provincial governments.

[English]

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT ACT

Question No. 290—**Mr. Robison:**

Under the Employment Support Act (a) how many applications were made (b) how many were accepted (c) how much money was paid (d) how many jobs were affected and received support?

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): As of March 10, 1972: (a) 1,021 applications were received by the Employment Support Board; (b) 710 applications were approved; (c) total amount approved: \$10,025,728; (d) the number of jobs directly supported by the above grants, 20,055.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION FOR DISPUTES IN ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Question No. 301—**Mr. Robison:**

Will the government consider the advisability of providing compulsory arbitration for disputes in essential services?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Compulsory arbitration for disputes in essential services would require an amendment to the Public Service Staff Relations Act. The Government has undertaken a review of that Act, but it has not been decided yet what amendments, if any, will be presented to Parliament for approval.

FOREIGN COINAGE MINTED IN CANADA

Question No. 307—**Mr. Robison:**

1. Do any foreign countries have their coinage minted in Canada and, if so (a) how many (b) what was the value to Canada of such minting (c) were the services paid for in the coinage of the realm requiring them?

2. Is all such minting carried out by the Royal Canadian Mint or does private enterprise provide any minting facilities for foreign countries?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Royal Canadian Mint is concerned: 1. (a) In 1970, the Mint produced 20 million 10-cent coin blanks for the Singapore Mint. It also obtained a two-year contract with Brazil for the production of approximately 175 million 50 centavo coin blanks. This contract will be completed in May, 1972.

In 1971, the Mint struck 2.5 million 1 Kroma coins for Iceland and 2 million 5 fils coins for Yemen.

[Mr. Howard (Okanagan Boundary).]

In 1972, the Royal Canadian Mint is striking the \$10 silver and the \$20 gold commemorative coins for Jamaica. (b) Income to Mint: Singapore, \$43,550; Brazil, \$3,930,000 (approximately); Yemen, \$18,705; Iceland, \$22,750; Jamaica, \$600,000 (estimated). (c) Payment required in Canadian or U.S. funds.

2. Private mints may strike foreign coins.

CFB, SUMMERSIDE, PEI—INSTALLATION OF COUNTER TOPS AND SINKS

Question No. 323—**Mr. McQuaid:**

Were tenders recently called for the installation of counter tops and sinks at the Canadian Forces Base at Summerside, Prince Edward Island and, if so (a) how many tenders were received (b) from whom were they received (c) what was the amount of each tender (d) to whom was the contract awarded (e) in what manner were the tender calls advertised?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Yes. (a) Three. (b) and (c) Provincial Enterprises Inc., Summerside, \$15,852; Northumberland Construction Ltd., Abram's Village, P.E.I., \$13,465; Sherman Construction Co., Summerside, \$10,394. (d) Contract awarded to the lowest tenderer, Sherman Construction Co. on February 28, 1972. (e) Tenders were invited from all nine firms in the area which were considered to be in a position to carry out the work required.

PURCHASE OF CORRECTION FLUID

Question No. 325—**Mr. McQuaid:**

1. For the period February 1 to 15, were any contracts awarded for the sale of correction fluid to any departments and, if so (a) were tenders called prior to the awarding of such contracts and, if so (i) how many tenders were submitted (ii) what was the amount of each tender (iii) in what way were they advertised (b) to whom was the contract awarded (c) how many gallons of correction fluid were involved?

2. When was the last contract awarded for the supplying of correction fluid, what was the amount of the contract and how many gallons of fluid were involved?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Yes. (a) Yes. (i) Three; (ii) \$29,970; \$30,520 and \$31,199; (iii) Tenders were invited from all firms considered to be in a position to supply. (b) Contract awarded to the lowest bidder, Apsco Products (Canada) Ltd., Toronto on February 2, 1972. (c) The contract calls for 67,824 one ounce bottles.

2. The previous contract for 44,064 one ounce bottles of correction fluid was awarded on July 16, 1971 in the amount of \$21,150 to the lowest bidder, Dixon Pencil Co., Newmarket, Ont.

PURCHASE OF BALL POINT PENS

Question No. 326—**Mr. McQuaid:**

1. For the period February 1 to 15, were any contracts awarded for the sale of ball point pens to any departments and, if so (a) were tenders called prior to the awarding of such contracts and, if so (i) how many tenders were submitted (ii) what was the amount of each tender (iii) in what way were they advertised (b) to whom was the contract awarded (c) how many ball point pens were involved?