

## INVESTIGATION OF CAR REPAIR INDUSTRY

Question No. 1,139—**Mr. Mather:**

Is consideration being given to investigating alleged high cost and low quality of the car repair industry?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** The Department of Transport does not have authority to undertake the type of investigation implied in the question.

The car repair industry is highly localized, hence any action that might initially be taken would be on the municipal or provincial government level.

AMHERST, N.S.—ENLARGEMENT OF  
FEDERAL BUILDING

Question No. 1,140—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Is it the intention of the government to enlarge the Federal Building in Amherst, Nova Scotia, that houses the facilities of the Post Office Department?

2. Have final plans been completed for the proposed extension and, if not, when will final plans be completed in this regard?

3. If final plans for the extension have been completed, what will be involved in the proposed extension of facilities and will the government require additional lands in order to carry out the proposed extension and, if so, how much additional land will be required?

4. On what date were plans initiated for the proposed extension and what have been the reasons for the substantial delays between the planning of the extension and the calling of tenders for the enlargement?

5. On what date does the government intend to call tenders for the extension to this federal building?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. This matter is still under review.

2. No; not known.

3. Not applicable.

4. During 1967. The delays have been due to several changes in space requirements.

5. Not known.

AMHERST, N.S.—CONSTRUCTION OF  
FEDERAL BUILDING

Question No. 1,141—**Mr. Coates:**

1. On what date did the federal government first indicate its intention to construct a federal building in the Town of Amherst to house departments of the federal government now located in rented space?

2. What was the initial date indicated for the construction of this building and why have delays in the start of construction been recommended?

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3. Have complaints been received by the government and, if so, from whom, over the delays in the construction of this building?

4. What is the present date for the initiation of construction of this building?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** 1. On February 14, 1966 when the 1966-67 Estimates were tabled.

2. During the 1967-68 fiscal year. The delays are due to a number of successive changes in space requirements by the occupying departments.

3. Not by the Department of Public Works.

4. No date has been set.

## INCLUSION OF WOMEN IN CABINET

Question No. 1,148—**Mr. Mather:**

Is consideration being given to facilitating governmental rapport by the inclusion of women in the Cabinet?

**Right Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** The facilitation of governmental rapport by appropriate and effective means is constantly being considered.

## PURCHASE OF DUMP TRUCKS

Question No. 1,154—**Mr. Marshall:**

In the contract for the purchase of dump trucks from F.W.D. Corporation (Canada) Ltd. for \$51,718.92 (a) how many trucks were involved (b) was the purchase made by tender (c) what firms tendered (d) what were the amounts of each tender (e) for what purpose were the trucks purchased?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport):** (a) 2; (b) yes; (c) and (d) International Harvester Co. of Canada, Ottawa \$21,456.87 and \$28,749.84 and F.W.D. Corporation, Kitchener \$21,574.84 and \$30,193.08.

In both instances the lower offers of International Harvester Company of Canada were bypassed as the equipments offered did not meet the departmental specifications; (e) snow removal operations at St. John's and Gander Airports, Newfoundland.

## NATIONAL DEBT

Question No. 1,155—**Mr. Matte:**

1. What is the total amount of Canada's national debt?

2. What part of this debt can be attributed to Canada Savings Bonds?

3. What part of this debt can be attributed to Victory Bonds?