

## Questions

Supply and Services and Information Canada as follows:  
1. The following are the circulation figures for *Hansard* for the 2nd Session, 27th Parliament, for 1967-68:

	English	French
Paid	7771	976
Free	5717	1733
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	13488	2709

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2. The records of the breakdown by province for the 2nd Session, 27th Parliament, for 1967-68, are not available.

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Alberta	980
British Columbia	1,438
Manitoba	747
New Brunswick	407
Newfoundland	257
Nova Scotia	652
Ontario	7,415
Prince Edward Island	129
Quebec	2,866
Saskatchewan	623
Yukon	26
Northwest Territories	39
Other Countries	321
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	15,900

BARBER COMMISSION—IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Question No. 1,684—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Have any recommendations of the Barber Commission been implemented and, if so (a) how many (b) which ones?
2. How many are presently being considered and what are they?
3. What steps are being taken to implement the recommendations to reduce the cost of farm machinery and machinery repairs?
4. What steps are being taken (a) to bring about greater standardization in the industry (b) to bring about a central testing and evaluation agency (c) to encourage farm machinery manufacturing in Canada (d) to co-ordinate better parts service at lower cost (e) to avoid shipping delays due to prolonged delays at customs?
5. Is the appointment of a farm machinery ombudsman under active consideration?
6. Is any consideration being given to the recommendation which would provide for a guaranteed loan program for dealers similar in form to F.I.L.A.?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. Yes (a) 6 (b) 1 to 6.

2. 1 Number 7.

3. Covered in 1 and 2.

4. a, b and c—A study has been undertaken by the Canada Committee on Agricultural Engineering; c and d—Discussions have been held with representatives of the farm machinery industry; (e) The various aspects of the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Farm Machinery to speed up delays in customs clearance of

[Mr. Jerome.]

repair parts are under consideration in the Department of National Revenue.

5. The appointment of a farm machinery ombudsman at the federal level is not deemed to be apropos since the matter is within provincial jurisdiction. Provinces with legislation on the farm machinery and equipment industry generally include or have amendments under consideration respecting the appointment and duties of such an official.

6. The implications of this recommendation together with these having to do with interest-free floor planning are being considered.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF FLASHLIGHTS

Question No. 1,694—**Mr. McQuaid:**

Has the Department of Supply and Services recently awarded a contract to Major Sales Distributions for the purchase of flashlights and, if so (a) how many flashlights were purchased (b) what is the price per flashlight (c) to what departments will the flashlights be distributed?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services):** (a) (b) and (c) Yes. On August 4, 1971, a contract was awarded to the lowest tenderer, Major Sales Distributions, for 7,607 flashlights at \$2.45 each, for delivery to the Canadian Forces Supply Depots located at Toronto, Moncton, Montreal and Lancaster Park, Alberta.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF TENT POLES

Question No. 1,695—**Mr. McQuaid:**

Has the Department of Supply and Services recently awarded a contract to Dominion Magnesium Ltd. (Aerometals Ltd.) for the purchase of tent poles and, if so, how many tent poles are being purchased and what is the cost per pole?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services):** Yes. A contract was awarded on August 6, 1971, to the lowest tenderer, Dominion Magnesium Ltd., (Aerometals Ltd.), for the supply of tent poles to the Department of National Defence depots in the amounts, prices and locations as follows: 2,245 poles at \$20.62 each to Montreal and; 748 poles at \$20.75 each to Lancaster Park, Alberta.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF CORRECTION FLUID

Question No. 1,696—**Mr. McQuaid:**

Has the Department of Supply and Services recently awarded a contract to Dixon Pencil Co. Ltd. for correction fluid and, if so (a) how many gallons of fluid are being supplied (b) to which departments will the correction fluid be distributed (c) when was the last contract for correction fluid awarded and for what amount?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services):** Yes. A contract was awarded on July 16, 1971 to the lowest tenderer, Dixon Pencil Co., Ltd. for \$21,151; (a) 275.4 gallons, of correction fluid, supplied in one-ounce bottles at \$0.48 each; (b) distribution on demand to all federal departments supplied by DSS No. 1 Supply Centre; (c) the last contract was awarded on October 28, 1970 to another company for \$17,496. for 218.7 gallons, supplied in 34,992 one-ounce bottles at \$0.50 each.