

additionally approved by Treasury Board. So, speaking in broad terms, co-ordination of all travel is effected at the divisional chief level, the branch director level, the Assistant Deputy Minister, the Deputy Minister and, as I mentioned, subsequently or finally, in some cases, Treasury Board.

Mr. HALES: There would be approximately how many people in the department issuing authority for travel?

Mr. PACK: Well we have roughly 13.

Mr. HALES: So there would be 13 people in the department giving authority to travel. These 13 do not co-ordinate one with the other?

Mr. PACK: They are co-ordinated in cases of all conference travel or all convention travel by either of the two assistant deputy ministers, whose authority is required.

Mr. HALES: So it is conceivable that Mr. A of this group of 13 could issue authority to travel and Mr. B could issue the same authority to travel, and they could end up in the same destination because they do not co-ordinate together? This is possible.

Mr. PACK: Well each individual branch Director, of course, is sending field parties out for their own purposes to different parts of Canada, and they authorize those in their own right. I do not think the need for co-ordination there is quite as obvious as it would be in the case of convention or conference travel, where it is definitely.

Mr. HALES: So it is possible that 13 people in the department are issuing authority to travel but the 13 are not co-ordinating one with the other. We have established that.

Mr. PACK: I would not say so, no sir.

Mr. HARRISON: I think perhaps I should add a word of explanation here, sir. Travel on field projects is something which is a responsibility of the branch Director; this is the kind of thing which is carried out by the individual branches. In some instances where there is work in the same general area the two programs are related. For instance, the polar continental shelf spends a good deal of its effort on providing a logistic support in a most efficient way for all the people who are working in the high Arctic. This is a field program. So far as travelling to conventions and conferences is concerned, if the total amount to be spent by the department on any one convention is \$600 or more it requires Treasury Board approval and a submission is prepared and authorized to Treasury Board by one of the Assistant Deputy Ministers. So, there is co-ordination; it all has to come through headquarters and be approved in the headquarters area.

Mr. HALES: What is the explanation for the increase of \$72,000 this year over last?

Mr. HARRISON: I am not sure to which item you are referring.

Mr. HALES: It is travelling and removal expenses for the department; it is on the big sheet at the back.