

GRANTS TO FOREIGN-OWNED OR FOREIGN
CONTROLLED—COMPANIESQuestion No. 1,070—**Mr. Harkness:**

Under the regional economic expansion program, how much money has been provided in the way of grants to foreign-owned, or foreign-controlled companies, from the inception of the program to the present time?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): \$42,834,307.

SOCIAL INSURANCE CARDS

Question No. 1,072—**Mr. Robinson:**

Is it possible for illegal entrants to Canada to obtain Social Insurance cards and, if so, will the government consider the advisability of restricting such issue?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Social insurance number cards are at present available on demand to anyone wishing to fill in an application. This application does not contain anything which would allow us to identify illegal entrants to Canada. During the past few months, negotiations have been held with the Department of Manpower and Immigration, the result of which is an agreement to amend the application to include a question concerning the applicant's status. This means that the applicant would have to indicate whether he is a citizen, landed immigrant or otherwise resident in Canada. Implementation of this agreement is imminent.

NEWFOUNDLAND—REQUEST FOR FEDERAL AID

Question No. 1,106—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. Has the Province of Newfoundland submitted the following proposals to the federal government for assistance from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion or from the Department of Fisheries and Forestry (a) small boat slipways in the amount of \$1,020,000 (b) community and fish handling facilities in the amount of \$3,430,000 (c) fisheries service centres in the amount of \$3,610,000 (d) unloading facilities on wharves in the amount of \$500,000 (e) fishery access roads in the amount of \$1,000,000 (f) upgrading of vessels and equipment entering new fisheries in the amount of \$3,000,000 (g) multi-purpose boats in the amount of \$3,000,000 (h) small boats in the amount of \$1,000,000 (i) bounties on fishing gear and equipment in the amount of \$3,500,000 (j) fishery development program in the amount of \$10,000,000 (k) dragger subsidies in the amount of \$2,000,000 (l) mechanical haul-outs in the amount of \$4,975,000?

2. What amount would the federal government contribute to this program?

3. Of the federal contribution, how much would be in loans and how much in grants?

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): 1. Proposals were not submitted in the format outlined in the question. However, submissions covering these aspects of fisheries development were conveyed to the Department of Fisheries and Forestry by the Newfoundland Government. Discussions have been held between the two governments and are continuing.

2 and 3. The amount of the Federal Government's contribution has not been finalized.

Questions

CIDA—AWARDING OF CONTRACTS TO CANADIAN
CONTROLLED FIRMSQuestion No. 1,107—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Is it the policy of the government to give preference to Canadian-controlled firms in the awarding of contracts by CIDA and, if so, what steps are taken to determine whether or not a particular firm is Canadian-controlled?

2. In determining such control, is consideration given to (a) stock ownership (b) whether or not the specialized facilities to be employed in the execution of the contract are owned or leased by the prospective contractor and, if leased, are the name and nationality of the lessor and the terms and duration of the lease taken into account (c) whether or not the equipment to be employed is owned or leased and, if leased, are the name and nationality of the lessor and the terms and duration of the lease taken into account (d) whether employees are full-time, regular employees of the firm or engaged for the specific CIDA contract and, if not regular employees, are the firms from which they are obtained taken into account (e) the proportion of profits and overheads which will accrue to foreign-controlled firms?

3. What proportion, if any, of a contract may be sublet to a foreign-controlled firm?

4. Are steps taken to ensure that the Canadian-controlled firm is not a front for a foreign corporation and, if so, what are they?

5. If aircraft are employed, must they be operated and maintained by Canadian-controlled firms?

6. Have Lockwood Consultants Limited, Spartan-Aero Limited and Geoterrex Limited, been qualified to bid on CIDA work and, if so, are they regarded as Canadian-controlled firms eligible to be awarded a contract by CIDA?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The policy of CIDA has been to award contracts to Canadian-owned firms. The firms must register with CIDA and disclose their ownership. The details are checked by CIDA from other sources.

2. (a) Yes, to the degree possible. (b) Yes, to the degree possible. (c) Yes, to the degree possible. (d) Yes, particularly for professional and senior personnel. (e) Not specifically, but any contracts to a foreign-controlled firm require the prior approval of CIDA.

3. Contracts are sublet to the degree practicable to Canadian firms. In the event the required services are not available from Canadian sources a Canadian prime contractor may be authorized to sublet up to 25 per cent of the work to a foreign-controlled firm, normally those of the recipient country.

4. Yes. Normal business checks are employed such as Dun & Bradstreet, Annual Reports and Letters Patent issued by Federal or Provincial authorities.

5. Aircraft used on CIDA contracts must be operated and maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence required by the Air Transport Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission and in conformance with the technical safety rules set by the Canadian Air Transportation Administration of the Ministry of Transport.

6. (a) Lockwood Consultants Limited have qualified as a Canadian-controlled company and have been awarded a CIDA contract. (b) Spartan-Aero Limited is a relatively new company which has applied for registration with CIDA. This company would appear to meet the criteria but all the checks have not yet been made. (c) Geoterrex is not regarded as a Canadian-controlled company and has not been awarded a CIDA contract.