

1. Payments certified for fiscal year 1979-80: (a) motor vehicles and water carriers domiciled in the province of Newfoundland \$3.2 million, (b) Canadian National during the same period received \$19.2 million. However, such amount relates to total movements performed within the entire Atlantic region and cannot be segregated for Newfoundland traffic only.

2. See part 1(b).

3. Payments for fiscal year 1980-81: (a) Motor vehicle and water carriers domiciled in the province of Newfoundland received \$3.6 million, (b) Canadian National Railways received \$17 million for movements performed within the entire Atlantic region. This amount cannot be segregated for Newfoundland traffic only.

In so far as Transport Canada is concerned, the following information is provided in relation to water transportation subsidies on Newfoundland traffic:

1. Payments for the 1979-80 fiscal year:

CN Marine	1979-1980
North Sydney to Port aux Basques	\$32,877,577
Newfoundland coastal service	26,405,962
North Sydney to Argentina	6,752,687
CNR	
North Sydney to Port aux Basques	23,407,000
	\$89,443,226
Newfoundland Steamships Ltd.	
St. John's—Corner Brook to Montreal	4,029,750
Northern Cruiser Ltd.	
St. Barbe to Blanc Sablon	569,831
	\$94,042,807
Province of Newfoundland—grant	\$ 1,400,000

2. Yes. As illustrated the subsidies include payments to the Canadian National Railway Company pursuant to contracts with Her Majesty to pay the costs of rail/water and narrow gauge/standard gauge interface, ferries and terminals. In addition, we are informed that for the year 1979-80 CNR absorbed losses of its Newfoundland division, TerraTransport, of approximately \$28 million for which no government subsidy was available.

3. The estimated costs for the 1980-81 fiscal year are:

CN Marine	1980-1981
North Sydney to Port aux Basques	\$36,386,000
Newfoundland Coastal Service	30,172,000
North Sydney to Argentina	9,011,000
CNR	
North Sydney to Port aux Basques	20,412,000
	\$95,981,000
Newfoundland Steamships Ltd.	
St. John's & Corner Brook to Montreal	4,000,000
Northern Cruiser Ltd.	
St. Barbe to Blanc Sablon	603,500
	\$100,584,500
Province of Newfoundland—grant	\$ 1,544,625

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In addition, we are informed that for the year 1980-81 CNR expects its Newfoundland division, TerraTransport, to lose approximately \$30 million for which no government subsidy will be available.

INSURANCE ON BANK ACCOUNTS AND TERM DEPOSITS

Question No. 3,150—Mr. Cossitt:

With reference to the answer to question No. 2,628 which stated that the government is considering raising the limit of insurance on bank accounts and term deposits from the present limit of \$20,000 and that a government policy will be announced "in due course", what is a definition of the phrase "in due course" and what is the target date, if any, for the government to make known whether such a change will be made in order to protect depositors more adequately, due to larger deposits brought about by the sinking value of the dollar?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): In so far as the Minister of Finance is concerned, I have been advised by the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation that I am not in a position to indicate at this time what action, if any, will be proposed to Parliament with regard to changing the present \$20,000 deposit insurance limit. However, the government plans to introduce revisions to the Trust Companies Act and the Loan Companies Act in the not too distant future and it would seem appropriate that any discussion by Parliament of the adequacy of the present limit should take place at that time.

SSEA—ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

Question No. 3,191—Mr. Cossitt:

1. In each of the past four years, what was the total amount spent by the Department of External Affairs on receptions, including entertainment, liquor and wine (a) outside (b) inside Canada?

2. In each case (a) what was the total for the four years (b) were only Canadian beverages served and, if not, for what reason (c) is it government policy to serve only beer, liquor, wines and liqueurs that are produced in Canada at our foreign establishments and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):

		Outside	Inside
1.	1977-78	3,535,841	833,439
	1978-79	3,981,483	723,957
	1979-80	4,009,374	340,876
	1980-81	4,655,445	1,029,977
2. (a)	1977-78	4,369,280	
	1978-79	4,705,440	
	1979-80	4,350,250	
	1980-81	5,685,422	

(b) and (c) During hospitality extended in Canada, the department serves as far as possible, Canadian beverages such as rye whisky, gin, and Canadian wine and beer. However, there are times when the demands of the menu or the tastes of the foreign guests predominate and on those occa-