

RELOCATION OF HEALTH OF ANIMALS BRANCH,
DRUMHELLER, ALBERTA

Question No. 840—Mr. Schumacher:

1. Has any arrangement been made to relocate the Health of Animals Branch of the Department of Agriculture in the city of Drumheller, Alberta?
2. Has commercial space been rented to accommodate this Branch and, if so (a) where (b) from whom (c) on what date is the lease effective (d) what is the term of the lease (e) what is the cost per month?
3. For what reason was such relocation deemed necessary?
4. What services are located in the federal building at Drumheller, Alberta at the present time?
5. Is the Health of Animals Branch now located on the 2nd floor, with laboratory facilities in the basement of the federal building in Drumheller and, if so, what would be the total cost of renovations deemed necessary to the facilities of the 2nd floor and basement of the building to allow them to continue operations?
6. How long has the Health of Animals Branch operated from the existing federal building in Drumheller, Alberta?
7. Were the officers in charge and staff of the local operation in Drumheller consulted as to (a) the present location's suitability (b) the new location's suitability and (i) if so, what was the consensus of such consultations (ii) if not, for what reasons?
8. If the Health of Animals Branch is relocated in commercially rented space (a) who will take over the space they now occupy (b) will any space in the federal building remain unoccupied?
9. Who made the decision to relocate this Branch?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes

2. Yes (a) 80, 3rd Avenue West, Drumheller, Alta; (b) Patricia Mary Swain and Charles Lewis Swain of Drumheller; (c) September 16, 1974; (d) Three years with two one-year options to renew; (e) \$300 month.
3. In addition to the space that the Department of Manpower and Immigration hold in the Drumheller Government of Canada Building officials of that department have requested additional space for a Job Information Centre. This centre is normally located adjacent to the existing office.
4. At the present time, the Department of Manpower and Immigration, the Farm Credit Corporation, the Department of Agriculture and the John Howard Society are located in the Government of Canada Building in Drumheller.
5. Yes, the Health of Animals Branch is now temporarily located on the second floor, with laboratory facilities in the basement of the building. As the total cost of renovations deemed necessary would have amounted to an estimated \$55,000.00 Regional Agriculture officials were of the opinion that in the long-term this was unacceptable in comparison to the leased space which was available.
6. The branch has operated from the existing building since May 29, 1951 (twenty-three years and six months).
7. (a) Yes. Officials of Agriculture Canada in Calgary and the veterinarian in charge of the Drumheller office were consulted; (b) Yes; (i) A move to leased accommodation was acceptable to Regional officials; (ii) Not applicable.
8. (a) The space allocated to Agriculture on the main floor will be reallocated to Manpower and Immigration and the basement space will be used for storage; (b) Yes.

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The major portion of the second floor as there is no sizable demand for this space and alteration costs would be high.

9. The Department of Public Works, western region, in consultation with the head of Accommodation, Property and Building Management, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and the regional office of the Health of Animals Branch, Department of Agriculture, Calgary.

MARITIME FORCES—COST OF OPERATIONAL STATUS OF
DDH-280s

Question No. 868—Mr. McKinnon:

With reference to the answer to Question No. 117, what was the total cost of bringing the four DDH 280s to operational status?

Mr. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The four DDH-280s are now fully operational in Maritime Command although some minor work is still required to fully meet original design specifications. Subject to final audit, the cost of the four DDH-280 helicopter destroyers delivered from the shipyards, remains at \$241,800,000 and the cost of post delivery work, which includes the cost of bringing the four DDH-280s to operational status as stated in part (c) of Question No. 117, is still estimated at \$2,800,000. The estimate for the related costs, \$42,400,000, as listed in part (c) of Question No. 117 is also still valid.

OIL SUPPORT COMPENSATION TO WORLD-WIDE (SHIPPING)
LTD., HONG KONG

Question No. 878—Mr. Stevens:

1. Are there any ships, recorded on pages 140-141 of the 1973 *International Shipping and Shipbuilding Directory* as being owned by World-Wide (Shipping) Ltd. of Hong Kong, a Company in which Mr. Y. K. Pao is a Director and a substantial shareholder, whose owner, charterers or operators may be entitled to direct or indirect compensation under the government's oil import compensation plan and, if so, what costs, including extra bunkering costs or other expenses, have been compensated for since the government instituted their oil import compensation policy in 1973?
2. Are there any claims for such compensation outstanding involving such ships and in what amount?

Mr. Maurice Foster (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): 1. No compensation under the Oil Import Compensation Program is paid to vessel owners or charterers. One Canadian importing company has received compensation for freight cost increases incurred in the transportation of oil to Canada on a vessel recorded in the 1974 *International Shipping and Shipbuilding Directory* as being owned and/or operated by World-Wide (Shipping) Ltd. of Hong Kong. The Canadian importer received Canadian \$113,597 as compensation for the increased cost of bunkers consumed in transporting one cargo of crude from the Persian Gulf to Canada on the *Straits Dahlia* (page 138, 1974 *International Directory*).

2. One Canadian importing company currently has a claim for freight compensation pending for a cargo transported to Canada on the *Straits Rose*, another tanker owned and/or operated by World-Wide (page 138, *International Directory*). The amount of compensation has not yet been determined for this claim.