

basis that an option to purchase has been secured from the owner at \$37,500.

HIGHEST RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT 1961-62 AND 1971-72

Question No. 588—**Mr. Mather:**

What was the highest rate of unemployment in Canada in 1961 and 1962 and in 1971 and 1972?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that: The table below shows the months with the highest rates of unemployment in Canada for each of the years 1961, 1962, 1971 and 1972:

	Seasonally Adjusted		Unadjusted	
	Rate Per cent.	Month	Rate Per cent.	Month
1961	7.7	February	11.2	February
1962	6.2	February	9.1	February
1971	6.9	September	8.1	February
1972	7.1	September	7.7	January

CBC—BILINGUAL POSITIONS, CBWT AND CBWFT, MANITOBA

Question No. 595—**Mr. McKenzie:**

How many employees of both CBC networks in Manitoba (CBWT and CBWFT) occupy positions which must satisfy the government's bilingual criteria and what are the positions in question?

Mr. Gilles Marceau (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follow: Inasmuch as the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is a Crown Corporation, it is not subject to government criteria for bilingual positions in the Public Service. However, the CBC does have a comparable bilingualism policy whereby all areas requiring bilingual services are staffed accordingly.

ELECTION, 1972—CHOICE OF ELECTORAL OFFICERS

Question No. 599—**Mr. Godin:**

1. In what manner was the choice of electoral officers in each constituency decided upon for the general election on October 30, 1972?

2. How many were chosen from lists provided by (a) Social Credit Party of Canada (b) NDP (c) Progressive Conservative Party (d) Liberal Party?

3. What were the names and addresses of electoral officers recommended by (a) Social Credit Party of Canada (b) NDP?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. Returning Officers are appointed by the Governor-in-Council pursuant to section 7 of the Canada Elections Act.

2. No political party provided lists of prospective returning officers for the general election of October 30, 1972.

3. Not applicable.

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*REOPENING OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION OFFICES

Question No. 608—**Mr. Rynard:**

Does the government propose to reopen the Unemployment Insurance Commission offices in those cities where they were previously closed and, if so (a) will such offices be close to or in the same building as the Canada Manpower Centres (b) what criteria, if any, will be used for the reopening of such offices?

Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the goal of the Unemployment Insurance Commission is to humanize its services by bringing these services closer to the client population. The matter of opening new Unemployment Insurance Commission offices or of reopening those offices that were in existence prior to 1967 is under continual study as part of this goal.

The answer to sub-question (a) is as follows: The Unemployment Insurance Commission tries to locate its services in the same premises as the Canada Manpower Centres, provided space is available, otherwise the commission tries to establish its facilities as close as possible to the Canada Manpower Centres.

In reply to sub-question (b): The criteria used for the opening of offices are mainly; the numbers and geographic distribution of the claimant population, the availability of adequate transportation and/or parking for clients and; in so far as possible, the commission is trying to use the same area boundaries that are used by Canada Manpower Centres.

Of course, administrative costs have to be taken into consideration, and the availability of properly trained personnel is another factor.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE— TRANS-ATLANTIC AIRCRAFT

Question No. 613—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. How many aircraft, with trans-Atlantic capacity, are on the strength of the Department of National Defence?

2. What was the cost of each?

3. How many additions are planned to the fleet?

4. Were cost-benefit studies of the use of civilian aircraft for this trans-Atlantic service made before the purchase?

5. Were the major Canadian airlines asked to tender for the trans-Atlantic service?

6. How many civilians (a) employed (b) not employed by the Department travelled on the trans-Atlantic planes in 1970, 1971 and 1972?

7. How many of those in Part 6(b) were (a) relatives of personnel of the Department (b) relatives of Armed Forces personnel (c) other government employees?

8. What was the cost involved in each category?

9. What is the unit cost of transporting persons across the Atlantic on a departmental aircraft?

10. How does the cost compare to travel on a civilian aircraft?

11. Have any protests been received from Air Canada and/or CP Air about the transport of civilians and, if so, how many?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. There are five Boeing 707/347C and 23 Hercules (C130) aircraft with a trans-Atlantic capacity. The Boeings normally carry 157 passengers whilst the Hercules are restricted to freight only on trans-Atlantic flights. As all