

Questions

2. The precise date cannot be specified.

3. The proposed site is located on the Sydney-Dingwall highway and comprises a vacant parcel of land owned by Mr. J. Nolan of Ingonish, Nova Scotia. There has been no delay.

PUBLIC SERVICE BILINGUAL QUALIFICATIONS

Question No. 2,148—**Mr. Irvine:**

1. What is the basis in the federal Civil Service upon which a person is declared to be bilingual?

2. How fluent must they be in French?

3. How fluent must they be in English?

Mr. John R. Matheson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. Persons in the Civil Service are considered bilingual only in relation to positions in which adequate performance of duties and effective service to the public requires the use of both official languages and in relation to their demonstrated capacity to use a second official language in the performance of their duties.

2. and 3. The degree of fluency in each of the English and French languages varies according to the nature of the duties being performed.

DEFENCE EXPENDITURES, 1965

Question No. 2,151—**Mr. Mather:**

What was the daily cost of defence expenditures for 1965?

Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence): The average daily rate of expenditure for the fiscal year 1965-66 was \$4,242,320.

AMHERST, N.S., FEDERAL BUILDING

Question No. 2,154—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Have architects been appointed for the designing of a new federal building for the town of Amherst, Nova Scotia and, if so, on what date and what is the name of the firm appointed?

2. Have all arrangements for the procurement of a site for the new federal building been completed and, if so, what are the names of the individuals from whom the property was purchased and what are the amounts paid to each individual for the property?

3. On what date does the government intend to start construction on the new federal building in Amherst?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes, the firm of C. A. Fowler, Bauld, Mitchell, Architects, Halifax, N.S. were appointed in December, 1965.

[Mr. McIlraith.]

2. Arrangements for the acquisition of a federal building site in Amherst are nearing completion. Four properties are being purchased from the under-noted owners and agreements have been reached in the following compensations: Mrs. Annie A. Tingley, \$15,000; Mrs. Annie P. Smith, \$8,000; Mrs. Bessie Swetsky, \$15,000; Trinity St. Stephens United Church, \$10,000.

In addition, a property owned by Mr. Lloyd Brenton was expropriated to make up the assembled site. Settlement is now being negotiated.

3. The fall of 1967.

PUGWASH HARBOUR, N.S., DREDGING PROGRAM

Question No. 2,157—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Have studies been carried out regarding a dredging program for Pugwash harbour and, if so, on what date were the studies initiated and has a report been received as yet with recommendations?

2. If a report has been received, what action does the government contemplate taking to improve harbour facilities at Pugwash?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1 and 2. The dredging requirement at Pugwash is studied every year as the channel leading to the harbour and the harbour itself are continuously shoaling. A sounding survey carried out in July, 1966, indicates that some 50,000 cubic yards of material will have to be removed in 1967 in order to re-establish the 15 feet dredging grade depth.

APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CONSUMERS

Question No. 2,158—**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):**

1. When was the Advisory Council of Consumers appointed by the government?

2. Was the matter of consumer prices included among its terms of reference and, if not (a) for what reason (b) in view of recent price increases, will the government consider enlarging the terms of reference of this council to include consumer prices?

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The Advisory Council of Consumers was established by a cabinet decision on November 14, 1963.

2. No. (a) The Advisory Council of Consumers was established to advise the Minister of National Health and Welfare and the Food and Drug Directorate of this department on matters involving consumer interest relating to the administration of the Food and Drugs Act and the Proprietary or Patent Medicine