

Questions

an endeavour to improve statistical data on industrial accidents, but to this time technical problems have prevented the development of a series that would include reliable data on working time lost.

FREDERICTON AIRPORT

Question No. 704—**Mr. MacRae:**

With respect to the answer to Question Number 203, given at page 2251 of *Hansard* January 11, 1971, what is the nature of the continuing reviews and how do they differ from a survey?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The response to Question 203 of October 20, 1970, referred to technical investigations, feasibility and costing of aerodrome works. In this context, a recent request by Air Canada for consideration of runway extensions at Fredericton for their DC9 aircraft after 1972 are now being evaluated. The continuing reviews referred to in the response are studies undertaken to assess the desirability or necessity of developing facilities to meet changing requirements of civil aviation in Canada.

PUBLIC SERVICE—REQUIRED INDICATION OF SEPARATISTS

Question No. 716—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government require all federal civil servants to indicate whether they are separatists or not?

Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): No.

INCENTIVE GRANTS

Question No. 736—**Mr. Osler:**

1. Will the government pay agreed-upon area incentive grants to plants that go into receivership before these grants have been fully earned and on what criteria will such decision be based upon?

2. Will the government insist upon proof that all outlays for equipment and services, made or on behalf of Churchill Forest Industries and other related companies, were normal and competitive?

3. Before approving payment of incentive grants, will the government satisfy itself that adequate pollution controls have been embodied in the plants making-up the new complex at The Pas, Manitoba?

4. Has the Government of Manitoba requested any extension of the payments deadline, presently April 1, 1971, for grants to Churchill Forest Industries and related companies?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. No, because the grants are earned by putting the plants into commercial production. But if that and other legislative requirements are met, the grants will be paid whether or not the plants are in receivership.

2. Yes, to the extent that the amounts of the grants are affected.

[Mr. Jerome.]

3. No, because there is no authority to impose this condition under the relevant legislation (which is not the legislation that now applies to new cases).

4. No.

DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE—EMPLOYMENT OF MR. PATRICK WATSON

Question No. 744—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Has the Secretary of State or the Minister responsible for Information Canada, or Information Canada itself, engaged the services of Mr. Patrick Watson, known as a former producer-performer of the CBC program "Seven Days" and, if so, for what reason?

2. What are the terms or the specifications of the arrangement, including length, fees, expense arrangements and services provided to Mr. Watson?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio):

1. The Department of the Secretary of State has contracted with Patrick Watson Enterprises Limited to assist in developing programs to facilitate citizen participation.

2. The contract is for the period of January 6 to March 9, 1971, at a fee of \$481 per week plus travel expenses up to a maximum of \$670 for this period. Office space and secretarial service is also provided.

WHEAT—TWO-PRICE SYSTEM

Question No. 772—**Mr. Southam:**

1. Is the government giving consideration to establish a domestic two-price system for wheat in Canada and, if so, when will a decision be made to that effect?

2. In the event a two-price system for wheat is established, will the consumer be called on to pay the cost?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. A two price system for wheat has been in effect since August 1, 1969. Since then the selling price established by the Government for wheat used for human consumption in Canada has been \$1.95½ per bushel basis No. 1 Northern in store Thunder Bay or Vancouver. If changes are made in the established selling price by the Government the House will be advised.

2. The price of products derived from wheat is not controlled by the Government and it is likely that any increase in the cost of wheat and other production and distribution factors is passed on to the consumer.

WHEAT—SYSTEM OF CHECK-OFF FROM GRAIN SALES TO CREATE FUND FOR RESEARCH

Question No. 774—**Mr. Southam:**

Is it the intention of the government to institute a system of check-off from grain sales and oil seeds to create a fund for market research and development as suggested by the delegates to the recently-held western agricultural conference?