

response. No deficiencies in braking action have been experienced on CP Rail's several types of long cars such as multi-level cars and piggyback flats that are already equipped with B-1 quick service valves.

5. (a) CP Rail problems experienced are all of the fail-safe variety and have involved either the failure of train brakes to release after an application, causing the train affected to stop, or the development of brake pipe leakage to such an extent that it has been impossible to start the train out of the yard until the cause has been found and remedied. In all cases where deficiencies have occurred, corrective action has been taken which has returned the cars to service in satisfactory condition; (b) CN: There has been a problem reported on the quick service valves. However, the nature of the problem is such that it could cause delays in charging time but does not affect braking ability of a train. In any event these valves were temporarily isolated before the cars entered service. They will not be used until the problem is rectified.

NUMBER OF POST OFFICE CALENDARS PRODUCED

Question No. 224—**Mr. Crouse:**

1. How many 1973 calendars were produced by the Post Office Department, without charge?
2. To whom were these calendars distributed?
3. What is the name of the company that produced the calendars?
4. What was the cost of production and distribution of these calendars?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): 1. 800,000.

2. They were distributed through major post offices across the country, to the general public and to the business community. They were also mailed to post office employees.

3. They were produced by Metropole Litho Inc., Montreal, for l'Agence Canadienne de Publicité, an advertising agency.

4. The production cost was \$269,866.20. Distribution was effected through major post offices at no cost to recipients.

COMPANIES LISTED WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Question No. 251—**Mr. Andre:**

1. How many companies are listed with the Director General, Scientific Procurement of the Department of Supply and Services?
2. What is the distribution, by province, of the head offices of these companies?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Subsequent to the government's new contracting out R&D Policy announced last August 15, the Department of Supply and Services began to create a source information system specifically related to R&D contracting. To date 646 companies have been listed. In response to publicity inviting industry to register with DSS for potential contracts, it is expected that within the next few months this list could grow to two thousand or more.

Order Paper Questions

2. Northwest Territories, 1; British Columbia, 39; Alberta, 26; Saskatchewan, 8; Manitoba, 23; Ontario, 369; Quebec, 159; New Brunswick, 5; Nova Scotia, 14; Prince Edward Island, 1; Newfoundland, 1.

[English]

ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULAR AIR SERVICE BETWEEN CUBA AND CANADA

Question No. 260—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. What discussions have been held concerning the establishment of a regular commercial air service between Cuba and Canada?
2. What has been the result of such discussions?
3. Is it contemplated that the service be between Halifax and Havana?
4. Have officials of Eastern Provincial Airways been consulted on any negotiations for such a service?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. There have been no negotiations between Canada and Cuba regarding the operation of scheduled air services between the two countries. At their request, Cuban officials, however, have been given information on Canadian policy respecting charter flights and were told that the Canadian government would expect Canadian carriers to have equitable participation in any charter flights organized between the two countries. The contractual arrangements with carriers would be a matter to be settled by those chartering the aircraft.

2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.

DREE PROGRAM—GRANT TO WIRE ROPE INDUSTRIES OF CANADA LTD.

Question No. 284—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Has the government received any communications from Wire Rope Industries of Canada Ltd. on the subject of a possible government grant under the DREE Program for construction of a new plant in Quebec and, if so (a) what were the dates of such communications (b) who signed such communications on behalf of the Company (c) what action was taken by the government?

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The Department of Regional Economic Expansion must consider such information as confidential until an offer has been made and accepted. However, it can be said that, to date, no offer has been accepted by this Company.

COST OF PRODUCTION OF POST OFFICE CALENDARS

Question No. 493—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

1. What was the total cost of production (including all editions) of the 1973 calendar printed by the Post Office Department?
2. How many calendars were printed?
3. Who was responsible for the content and indicated holidays?
4. Was the Postmaster General aware of the content and indicated holidays before it was published?
5. Were there two different editions printed of this calendar and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): 1. \$269,866.20.