

Routine Proceedings

Via Rail Canada Inc. advises as follows:

a) VIA has awarded a contract to J.P. Spécial Inc. to clean the Senneterre-Taschereau trains in Taschereau. (CN cleans the Senneterre-Cochrane trains in Cochrane and VIA cleans the Montreal-Senneterre trains in Montreal).

b) The value of the contract is of a proprietary nature and cannot be released for competitive reasons.

c) Two bidders.

***Question No. 26—Mr. Comuzzi:**

For the fiscal year 1991-1992, were government funds allocated through the Department of (a) Transport (b) Environment (c) Fisheries and Oceans (d) Agriculture to address the infestation of zebra mussels in the Great Lakes system and, if so, in terms of (i) dollars (ii) person-years (iii) percentage of total for research (iv) percentage of total for prevention of further spread (v) percentage of total for cleanup, what total amounts?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Time required to prepare this answer: 8 hours.

Approximate cost: \$144.

I am informed as follows:

Transport Canada:

a) (i) For fiscal year 1991-1992, Transport Canada's Marine Group includes a project in its R&D program for the study of 'Ballast Water Organisms in the Great Lakes' with a total cost estimate of \$100,000. While not specific to the problem of zebra mussels, they are included in the scope of the project.

(ii) There are no person-years attached to the project as it is intended for contracting out.

(iii) The project's cost of \$100,000 represents about 2.5 per cent of the total planned research and development expenditure in 1991-1992 for the Marine Group.

(iv) & (v) Answers to these elements of the question cannot be given at this time.

Environment Canada:

b) (i) The Department of the Environment is spending a total of \$140,000 in fiscal year 1991-1992 on the zebra mussel. Of this amount, \$100,000 has been transferred to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to supplement its research and monitoring program. The remaining \$40,000 has been awarded to a University of Guelph researcher through the Great Lakes University Research Fund. The total research grant is \$60,000 with the

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council contributing \$20,000.

(ii) No person-years have been allocated.

(iii) 100 percent of the total is for research.

(iv) Zero percent is for prevention of further spread.

(v) Zero percent is for cleanup.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada:

c) (i) Total dollars \$210,000 *

(ii) Person-years 1.2

(iii) Percentage of total for research 72 per cent (\$151,200)

(iv) Percentage of total for prevention of further spread 28 per cent (\$58,800)

(v) Percentage of total for cleanup 0 per cent.

* \$100,000 transferred from the Department of the Environment.

Agriculture Canada:

d) No government funds were allocated in the fiscal year 1991-1992 to address the infestation of zebra mussels in the Great Lakes system.

***Question No. 27—Mr. Comuzzi:**

1. What was the total cost in (a) dollars (b) person-years to produce the June 1990 Report of the Special Advisor to the Minister of National Health and Welfare on child sexual abuse in Canada entitled "Reaching for Solutions"?

2. From the total cost, what was the allocation in dollars for (a) research (b) salaries (c) travel (d) printing (e) distribution and (f) public meetings?

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Time required to prepare this answer: 7 hours and 20 minutes

Approximate cost: \$132.

I am informed by the Department of National Health and Welfare as follows:

1. (a) \$1,076,300

(b) Nil

2. (a) \$671,700 (consultative sessions and a national workshop with child sexual abuse experts)

(b) Contract fees for Special Advisor: \$204,600

(c) Travel costs of Special Advisor: \$100,000 (\$80,000 per contract and \$20,000 for post-release report travel)

(d) \$85,000

(e) \$15,000