

Questions

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

BLACKOUT OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK TELEVISION STATION TO CANADIAN CABLE SUBSCRIBERS

Question No. 435—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will a Buffalo, New York television station be blacked out to Canadian cable subscribers and, if so, which one?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Radio-Television Commission as follows: The present CRTC policy on cable television establishes that cable companies in the Toronto area should carry the following stations as a priority in the Toronto area: CICA, channel 19; CBLT, channel 6; CFTO, channel 9; and CHCH, channel 11. The commission also encourages cable companies to provide community access programming through an additional "local origination" channel. Other stations carried by CATV systems are optional. It therefore rests with the individual cable system serving Toronto and the area to decide which of these option stations best suit the needs of their subscribers.

[English]

CRTC REGULATIONS REGARDING LOCAL TELEVISION STATIONS

Question No. 436—**Mr. Robinson:**

Do the existing regulations of the CRTC compel cable operators to give precedence to local television stations and, if so, will one Buffalo, New York television station be denied to Canadian viewers?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): The Canadian Radio-Television Commission advises as follows: See answer to question No. 435 answered this day.

[English]

STUDIES IN REFERENCE TO ROUTES AND METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS FROM THE NORTH

Question No. 521—**Mr. Woolliams:**

1. Under what department do the studies being made as to energy and as to the economics and ecology in reference to the two routes and methods of transportation of crude petroleum and natural gas from the North come and, what is the name of the person who heads the study committee?

2. How many members are on this committee?

3. What department is paying the total cost?

4. What is the estimated cost?

Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, this is a four part question. The answer is as follows: 1. The studies do not come under any one department but rather under the general direction of the Task Force on Northern Oil Development which is chaired by the Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

[Mr. MacEachen.]

2. There are five members on the Task Force on Northern Oil Development.

3. Costs of the ecology and social studies are shared by the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources, Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Environment, and costs of other studies are borne by the department concerned.

4. The costs of the ecology and social studies are estimated at up to \$5 million annually over a four year period.

VISITS OF INDIAN CLAIMS COMMISSIONER OUTSIDE OF CANADA

Question No. 568—**Mr. Nielsen:**

1. Did Mr. Lloyd Barber, the Commissioner for Indian Claims, make any journeys outside of Canada in the past six months and, if so, to what places and for what purpose?

2. Did anyone accompany Mr. Barber on any such journeys outside of Canada on behalf of the Government of Canada?

3. If anyone did accompany Mr. Barber, what were their names and positions and for what purpose did they accompany him?

4. What was the cost, if any, to the government for such journeys?

5. What was the final result of Mr. Barber's journeys?

Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): I am informed by the Indian Claims Commissioner as follows: 1. Yes, to New Zealand and Australia; to gain first hand knowledge of the nature of Maori and Aboriginal claims, grievances, and approaches to settlement, for purposes of comparison to Canadian Indian claims and grievances.

2. and 3. Dr. Barber was not accompanied on this journey by anyone else travelling on behalf of the Government of Canada. However, the Commissioner's Director of Legal Research, Professor Ken Lysyk, travelled independently to Australia and New Zealand during the same period when Dr. Barber was in those countries. They were able to spend some time together in New Zealand.

4. The cost of these journeys is not available at this time as the accounting for them has not yet been completed.

5. The final result of Dr. Barber's journeys will, of course, not be known for some time. A report is in process.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION BOARD

Question No. 581—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. What is the membership of the Agricultural Stabilization Board?

2. How often does it meet?

3. What are the responsibilities of its members and how are they selected?

4. Does the Board have a Secretariat and, if so, who are the staff members?

5. What is its budget?

6. What is the primary intent and purpose of the Board?

7. What are the rules and regulations which govern its activity?

8. When was it established and on what date was its last annual report published?