

services to Fredericton north, Oromocto and Minto has been the subject of investigation by Employment and Immigration since January 1, 1978.

Currently Oromocto, which is located 12 miles from Fredericton, is covered by a two-day-per-week itinerant service to Canadian Forces Base, Gagetown, designed to assist long-term servicemen and officers to prepare themselves for a second career. Minto is served by a branch office which provides employment services and accepts unemployment insurance inquiries and applications.

An examination of the need for services in Fredericton north and Oromocto indicates that the residents of both localities have reasonable access to the main CEC, that the vast majority of job opportunities are in Fredericton and that there is an insufficient number of claimants to warrant the establishment of separate offices to provide unemployment insurance services.

The possibility of reallocating some resources from the Fredericton office to the centres in question has also been considered. However, it has been concluded that such moves would not significantly improve the service to the residents of these centres and would cause a serious deterioration of service at the main office.

EIC will continue to evaluate this situation in light of changing conditions.

DIAND—PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Question No. 698—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, how many contracts were let by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for professional services, to persons who at any time within the past five years, had been employed in indeterminate positions under the Public Service Commission?

2. How many contracts were (a) for less than one year (b) for one to two years (c) over two years?

3. How many contracts were let outside the national capital region?

4. What was the total cost of all such contracts?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Thirty-nine contracts were let by the department for professional services to persons who have been employed in indeterminate positions within the past five years.

2. (a) Less than one year: 39;

(b) None;

(c) None.

3. Twenty-one contracts were let outside the NCR

4. Total cost of all such contracts is \$172,896.

MR. J. D. NOAH

Question No. 707—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. Is Mr. J. D. Noah employed in the Department of National Defence and, if so, what is his function?

2. Is Mr. Noah associated with J.D. & O. Noah Limited and does he conduct company business on government owned telephone lines and, if so, what discipli-

nary action does the minister intend to take to ensure that Mr. Noah ceases such unauthorized use of the government telephone system?

Mrs. Ursula Appoloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes. Mr. Noah is employed as an administrative services officer within the directorate of documentation and drawing services at National Defence Headquarters.

2. Yes. Mr. Noah is president and chief executive officer of J.D. & O. Noah Limited. There is no evidence that he has ever conducted business using government owned telephone lines. Mr. Noah is fully aware that unauthorized use of government lines for the firm's business dealings is unacceptable.

FRANKING PRIVILEGES

Question No. 788—**Mr. de Jong:**

Has the Postmaster General considered allowing franking privileges to members of provincial legislatures?

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General): No.

CFB GAGETOWN PERSONNEL

Question No. 832—**Mr. Howie:**

On January 1 (a) 1978 (b) 1979 (c) 1980, how many (i) civilian permanent (ii) military (iii) civilian temporary personnel were employed at CFB Gagetown?

Mrs. Ursula Appoloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): As of March 31:

	(a) 1978	(b) 1979	(c) 1980
(i) Civilian permanent personnel	677	669	674
(ii) Military personnel	3188	3159	3025
(iii) Civilian temporary personnel	564	293	151

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS GRANTS

Question No. 844—**Mr. Howie:**

Since September 1, 1978 did the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs make any grants to any persons or organizations in New Brunswick and, if so, to whom and in what amounts?

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General): The following contributions have been made:

1. Information Metro Moncton	\$9,000
2. Le Centre de communication et d'information mobile	\$13,000
3. Le Comité de justice sociale	\$2,000