

and upon the Board's assessment of the economic factors and risk at the time.

2. EDC does not publish the particulars of its foreign investment insurance because of the nature and the confidentiality of many of the projects; the aggregate amount and the geographic areas covered are published in each of its Annual Reports.

3. By tradition and as a matter of commercial principle Crown Corporations have not been required by Parliament to answer detailed questions on their administration and operations. When an export sale supported by EDC has been finally consummated an announcement may be made. Those transactions are described in EDC's Annual Reports. Otherwise in the interest of trade EDC does not publish.

4. Please see Part 3.

#### EXPORT CREDITS—CHILE

Question No. 5,518—**Mr. Rodriguez:**

1. Have there been any Export Development Corporation Export Credits Insurance Division credits granted for exports to Chile since 1970 and, if so (a) on what date was the credit granted (b) what was the name of the (i) borrower (ii) Canadian exporter (c) what was the product financed (d) what was the amount of the financing?

2. Are there any applications currently under consideration by the Export Credits Insurance Division for exports to Chile and, if so, what is the (a) date of application (b) name of the (i) borrower (ii) Canadian exporter (c) product to be financed (d) proposed amount of financing?

3. Have there been insurance claims submitted to the EDC for export credits to Chile since 1970 and, if so (a) on what date was it filed (b) what was the name of the (i) borrower (ii) Canadian exporter (c) what was the product financed and, if the claim was paid, the amount paid?

**Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Export Development Corporation states: 1. The Export Development Corporation's Export Credits Insurance Division does not grant credits; it does insure for exporters risks of non-payment for credits granted by exporters. It has written such insurance for exports to Chile since 1970. (a) Information as to the credit extended by exporters relating to EDC's insurance is received by EDC from them as confidential information and may not be published without the consent of the exporters concerned; (b) As indicated in the foregoing there is no borrower in such transactions and EDC may not disclose without the consent of the exporters, the names of buyers to whom the exporters extended credit; (c) Please see Part 1 (b); (d) As indicated in the foregoing it is the exporter who provides financing in such cases and EDC's information thereon is received as confidential information. From 1970 to 1975 EDC insured exports to Chile on which EDC's contingent liability was an aggregate of \$8.8 million.

2. By tradition and as a matter of commercial principle Crown Corporations have not been required by Parliament to answer detailed questions on their administration and operations. In certain instances an announcement may be made when an export sale supported by EDC has been finally consummated. Those transactions appear in EDC's Annual Report. Otherwise in the interest of trade EDC does not publish.

3. Yes, (a) Please see the answers to Part 1; (b) Please see the answers to Part 1; (c) Please see the answers to

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Part 1; EDC has paid in insurance claims arising from sales to Chile since 1970 an aggregate of \$3.1 million.

#### TRIP TO MEXICO—MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

Question No. 5,557—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the Minister of Agriculture recently travel to Mexico and was he accompanied by his wife and, if so, on what date and by what means did the Minister's wife travel?

2. Did the public Treasury pay for her transportation and, if so (a) in what amount (b) did the Minister reimburse the public Treasury and, if so, by how much and on what date?

3. What is the total of all expenses, if any, paid by the taxpayer for the wife of the Minister of Agriculture other than transportation?

4. Will the Minister reimburse the public Treasury and, if not, for what reason?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. The Minister of Agriculture recently travelled to Cancun, Mexico to attend the First Annual Meeting of Consultation of the International Group for Agricultural Development in Latin America and the Caribbean accompanied by his wife. The duration of the trip was from May 12 to 16 inclusive. Mrs. Whelan travelled with the Minister via DND aircraft.

2. As the Minister of Agriculture travelled by DND aircraft, there was no additional charge for his wife to travel on the same aircraft.

3. Mrs. Whelan paid for her own additional expenses.

4. As there were no additional expenses, there is no need to reimburse the Treasury.

#### PURCHASE OF HISTORICAL HOUSES IN QUEBEC

Question No. 5,742—**Mr. Matte:**

Have historical houses been bought in Quebec by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and, if so, in each case, what (a) is their name and address (b) was the amount proposed?

**Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Yes. Details as follows: 1. (a) Sir Wilfred Laurier House, St. Lin, Province of Quebec; (b) \$50,000.

2. (a) Sir George Étienne Cartier House, 456-462 Notre Dame Street East, Montreal; (b) \$50,000.

3. (a) Lot 1, Sainte Jeanne de L'Île Perrot, Province of Quebec; (b) \$60,000. This property has been transferred to the Province of Quebec.

#### NEW CROP DEVELOPMENT FUND

Question No. 5,785—**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):**

1. Since the inception of the fund to create new crops, how many different research groups in Canada have (a) requested (b) been granted subsidies from the government?

2. For each year, what was the (a) name and address of those who received such grants (b) object of their research?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. (a) 14; (b) 14.

2. 1974: (a) (i) University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. (ii) University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario. (iii) Les Fermes Leclair et Frères Limitée, Sherrington,