

Questions

MAIL SERVICE CONTRACT, BELL ISLAND-
PORTUGAL COVE

Question No. 2,050—Mr. McGrath:

1. What is the value of the contract for mail service between Bell Island and Portugal Cove, Newfoundland?
2. Who is the holder of this contract?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio): 1. \$7,585.43 per annum.

2. Mr. Robert Hussey.

USE OF COMPUTERS—DEPARTMENT OF
SECRETARY OF STATE

Question No. 2,052—Mr. Robinson:

1. Does the Department of the Secretary of State have the use of a computer in its operations and, if so, to what extent is it utilized?
2. Is the computer programmed 24 hours per day and, if not, for what reason?
3. What is the number of hours planned for utilization of the computer?
4. What has been the annual cost of computer services for each year 1960 to 1970 inclusive?
5. How many programmes are in preparation for the computer at the present time and how will each affect the efficiency of the Department?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): 1. The Department of the Secretary of State utilizes the services of the computer equipment of Central Accounting Division of the Department of Supply and Services, for the purpose of compiling financial reports and records. The information provided is also used by Fiscal Accounting Division and Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. The cost of this service is borne by the Department of Supply and Services.
5. One programme is presently being run for financial reports. The information provided allows the staff of the department to prepare meaningful reports to management regarding current financial trends and assists in forecasting future requirements. It also enables speedier reconciliation of departmental records with those of Central Accounting Division and Fiscal Accounting Division of the Department of Supply and the Department of Supply and Services.

[Mr. Duquet.]

[English]

USE OF DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT—
DEPARTMENT OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Question No. 2,053—Mr. Robinson:

1. Does the Department of the Secretary of State have data processing equipment (automatic) and, if so, for how long?
2. What was the initial cost of the equipment?
3. What yearly costs are anticipated for data processing in the Department?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):

1. No.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.

[English]

FARM CREDIT CORPORATION LOANS TO
INDIAN FARMERS

Question No. 2,054—Mr. Gleave:

Of the 48 Farm Credit Corporation Loans to Indian farmers in Canada (a) how many individuals in each province received such loans (b) what was the amount of each loan to each individual (c) what was the purpose for which each loan was made?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): The Farm Credit Corporation advises that: (a) Loans were made as follows: to individual operators, B.C. seven; Alberta, four; Saskatchewan, fifteen; Manitoba, seven; Ontario, three; Quebec, one. To two operators on same farm, Alberta, two; Saskatchewan, one; Manitoba, one. To three operators on same farm, B.C., one; Alberta, two; Ontario, one. In Manitoba, a loan was made to a farm having four operators and to another having five operators. In Alberta, a loan was made to a Band carrying on farming operations. (b) and (c) These matters are considered by the Farm Credit Corporation to be confidential between lender and borrower, whether on or off reserves. However, of the total amount of \$933,700 approved to March 31, 1970, the purposes were as follows: breeding stock, 25 per cent; farm equipment, 22.6 per cent; buildings, 13.2 per cent; other improvements, 3.7 per cent; debt consolidation, 32.6 per cent; miscellaneous, including loan costs, 2.9 per cent.

INDIAN RESERVES—ANDERSON DRILLING
OF ASSINIBOIA

Question No. 2,055—Mr. Gleave:

1. On which particular Indian Reserves has Anderson Drilling of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan contracted to bore and develop large diameter shallow wells?