

Order Paper Questions

COMMUNITY AIRPORT FACILITIES FUND

Question No. 2,858—**Mr. Brisco:**

For each year 1970 to 1977, what amount of federal funding was provided to the Community Airport Facilities Fund and what was the number of applications for assistance under the programme in each year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): (a) Actual Capital Expenditures: 1970-71, 829,628; 1971-72, 932,000*; 1972-73, 1,504,697; 1973-74, 2,082,915; 1974-75, 1,126,119; 1975-76, 1,467,573; 1976-77, 1,555,899. (b) Number of Applications Received: 1970-71, 25; 1971-72, 20; 1972-73, 47; 1973-74, 41; 1974-75, 68; 1975-76, 59; 1976-77, 41; 1977-78, 18 (to July 15).

* rounded to nearest 000's.

BILINGUAL PUBLIC SERVANTS

Question No. 2,861—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. How many bilingual public servants in departments, agencies and Crown corporations are required to use a second official language in the performance of their duties?

2. What is the total amount of compensation the government owes to such public servants who fall under the agreement that was reached with employee unions that the government would pay compensation retroactive to November 1, 1976?

3. Did the Prime Minister receive a letter dated June 21, 1977 from Mr. C. L. Lockhart, President of the Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, in regard to the implementation of compensation for bilingual public servants and, if so, what was the response to the letter?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Treasury Board Secretariat and the Prime Minister's Office as follows: 1. For those departments and agencies for which the Treasury Board is the employer, the information recorded in the Official Languages Information System as of July 1, 1977 indicates that there were 68,643 positions identified as bilingual, or requiring the use of both official languages. Of this total, 16,253 bilingual positions were vacant and 52,390 bilingual positions were filled. Of the latter, 40,954 incumbents met the language requirements of their position.

2. The amount of compensation to be provided to qualified employees required to work in both official languages will be the subject of consultations with employee unions. These consultations are just about to begin. Consequently, the total amount owing, in meeting the commitment that payment would be made retroactive to November 1, 1976, has not yet been determined.

3. Yes. A response is being prepared. The exchange is private, but Mr. Lockhart may wish to make the reply public.

PROPANE GAS REFRIGERATORS

Question No. 2,863—**Mr. Halliday:**

1. Are propane gas refrigerators manufactured in Canada and, if so, in what locations and by whom?

2. Are there custom tariffs or other duties on the importation of such refrigerators and, if so, what are they?

[Mr. Lang.]

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 1. According to the Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers Association of Canada, there are no regular sized propane gas refrigerators manufactured in this country. However, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is aware of one company, Escort Cooler Co. Ltd., 728 Dundas East, Mississauga, Ontario, that manufactures a light weight portable refrigerator which has a capacity of 1.3 cubic feet and can be powered by propane gas, 12 volt or 110 volt electricity.

2. Tariffs on non-electric refrigerators according to Schedule A are as follows: British Preferential Tariff 20 percent; Most Favoured Nations Tariff 27½ percent; General Tariff 30 percent.

LEASED PROPERTIES IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Question No. 2,864—**Mrs. Pigott:**

1. Does the government lease properties in the National Capital Region and, if so, how many?

2. What person, agency or department is responsible for tabulating and overseeing properties leased by the government?

3. What are the annual rental costs for the new Industry, Trade and Commerce Building at 240 Sparks Street, Ottawa and what is the length of the lease?

4. In what year was final approval granted for the construction of the Building?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes, 223 properties leased by Department of Public Works.

2. Department of Public Works tabulates and oversees only those properties under DPW responsibility.

3. \$6,100,000. Term of lease—35 years.

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OTTAWA BUILDINGS—LEASES, COMMITMENTS AND PENALTIES

Question No. 2,865—**Mrs. Pigott:**

1. Will the government be required to pay any penalties for breaking office leases in Ottawa buildings in which it will leave vacant space as a result of departmental moves to Hull and, if so, what will be the approximate total amount of such penalties?

2. Is the government committed to any lease payments in the Ottawa offices to be vacated as a result of the moves to Hull beyond the date of each of the respective moves and, if so, what is the duration and annual cost of each lease commitment?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works): 1. No, the department does not plan to buy out any leases at the present time; therefore, there will be no penalties.

2. The department is not committed to any lease payments as a result of the moves to Hull. Where leases continue beyond the expected moving dates of the departments to be relocated to Hull, the vacated space will be reused by other government departments and agencies.