

Questions

3. How many people who are bilingual (speaking French and English) are employed in all federal government departments?

4. How many people in each of the three aforementioned categories are employed in each of the crown corporations in Montreal and Quebec city?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): The requested information is not available in personnel records. Furthermore, the required degree of bilingual proficiency varies for different kinds of occupations.

A system of objective tests of language skill, both French and English, is being devised by the Public Service Commission. When these tests have been completed they will be used as may be required for accurate verification of language knowledge of individual employees. This information will be fed progressively into the central personnel records system which is in the process of being developed. There will, however, inevitably be a considerable period before comprehensive statistics on this subject will be available.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Question No. 110—**Mr. MacRae:**

1. Is "O Canada" as of this date the national anthem of Canada?

2. If not, what steps are necessary to make "O Canada" the national anthem of Canada?

Mr. John R. Matheson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. The formal designation of "O Canada" as the national anthem of Canada has been under consideration by special joint committees of the House of Commons and the Senate.

The first such committee was set up during the last session and in its second report to the House of Commons on March 15th, 1967, it unanimously recommended, *inter alia*, that the government be authorized to adopt forthwith the music for "O Canada" composed by Calixa Lavallée as the music for the national anthem of Canada. This report was concurred in by the House of Commons on April 12th, 1967, and by the Senate on April 19th, 1967.

The second such committee was established on May 19th, 1967, when the House of Commons resolved, "That a special joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons be appointed to consider and from time to time to report upon the question of lyrics of the national and royal anthems of Canada". This committee has not yet reported.

2. When the committee reports concerning lyrics consideration will be given, in the light of its report, to the question of such further action as may be desirable or necessary.

[Mr. Irvine.]

FRENCH SPEAKING FEDERAL CIVIL SERVANTS

Question No. 117—**Mr. Allard:**

1. Among federal civil servants receiving annual salaries of \$5,000 or more, what percentage represent persons whose mother tongue is French?

2. How are these distributed, in percentages, among the following federal departments and agencies: Agriculture, Manpower and Immigration, Defence Production, External Affairs, Finance, Labour, Energy, Mines and Resources, National Defence, National Health and Welfare, National Research Council, National Revenue, Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Post Office, Public Works, Trade and Commerce, Transport, Veterans Affairs?

3. What is the total number of senior officials and the number of persons whose mother tongue is French among these officials in the following federal departments and agencies: Insurance, Export Credits Insurance Corporation, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., Industrial Development Bank, Bank of Canada, Canadian Wheat Board (Montreal branch), Canadian Arsenals Limited, Canadian National Railways, Trade and Commerce, Canadian Commercial Corporation, Farm Credit Corporation, Defence Construction Ltd., Eldorado Mining and Refining Ltd., Atomic Energy Control Board, Finance, Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Northern Ontario Pipe Line Crown Corporation, Fisheries Polymer Corporation Ltd., Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, National Research Council, National Health and Welfare, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Tariff Board, Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation, Air Canada, Transport, Air Transport Board, Labour, and Public Works?

4. What is the number of federal civil servants earning \$14,000 or more annually, and what is the number in this group whose mother tongue is French?

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INDIAN AFFAIRS—COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN YUKON AND N.W.T.

Question No. 119—**Mr. Orange:**

1. Were funds allotted in the estimates of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development during the fiscal year 1966-67 for the