

That this House calls on the government to establish forthwith a royal commission on organized crime in Canada.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 1,779, 2,364, and 2,719.

[Text]

STATUS OF PROPOSED NEW OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS

Question No. 1,779—**Mr. Leggatt:**

1. What is the status of the proposed new offshore oil and gas regulations published in May 1976?
2. Have the proposed regulations been referred to a standing committee of the House and, if not, is it the intention of the government to refer them?
3. Have the proposed regulations in any way been modified since they were announced in May 1976?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: 1. On May 19, 1976, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development jointly announced that new legislation in the form of a Petroleum and Natural Gas Bill would be placed before Parliament and that new Canada Oil and Gas Land Regulations would be promulgated following passage of the new Bill. The new legislation and regulations are in the process of being drafted by officers of the Department of Justice, and it is anticipated that the legislation will be placed before Parliament during this Session.

2. The proposed regulations will not be promulgated until after passage of the proposed Petroleum and Natural Gas Bill and hence have not been referred to a standing committee of the House. It is anticipated that they will be referred to a standing committee of the House prior to promulgation.

3. Since the principal elements of the proposed new regulations were announced in May 1976 certain proposals for modifications have been made. Any changes will be announced when the proposed Petroleum and Natural Gas Bill is submitted to Parliament.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—PROPERTY AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES, EDMONTON, ALTA.

Question No. 2,364—**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):**

1. Have there been or are there now underway negotiations with the City of Edmonton for the ceding to the City of any or all of the National Defence property known as Prince of Wales Armouries, or any of the land forming part of that complex and, if so (a) has any decision been reached and what is it (b) to what extent are there to be transfer of lands (c) what is the effective date of the transfer (d) does such a transfer of facilities mean a movement of militia training, and the offices, stores, etc. of any militia units in Edmonton and, if so, to what extent (e) would the training facilities be transferred to that portion of

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CFB Edmonton known as Griesbach Barracks and what portion thereof would be occupied by the militia (f) what is the agreed value of the property and buildings to be transferred and are there any conditions as to use applicable to such transfer?

2. (a) Is it under consideration or has it been decided that the training facilities known as HMCS Nonsuch at Ortona Barracks are to be moved and, if so, to where and what is to be the disposition of the land and buildings of Ortona Barracks (b) if the property is to be sold, what is the valuation of the land and buildings?

3. If the moves above are contemplated or have been decided upon, what consultation took place with local militia associations and/or the City of Edmonton?

4. Does the contemplated move of the Canadian Airborne Regiment from CFB Edmonton to CFB Rockcliffe and CFB Petawawa involve the movement to either CFB Uplands or to CFB Trenton of any component and transport aircraft and crews that relate to ground personnel from 435 Squadron to 436 Squadron CFB Trenton and, if so (a) how many aircraft and personnel are to be involved and what are the estimated dates for such a transfer (b) how many aircraft would such a move leave available to 435 Squadron for its transport role or is this role to be also modified?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): 1. (a) and (b) Negotiations took place in 1970 and 1971 between the City of Edmonton and Department of National Defence concerning the possible transfer of a portion of the Prince of Wales Armouries site to the City for development as an expressway. No decision was reached and there are no negotiations currently underway between the City and the Department of National Defence on this matter. However, a development plan for future use of Griesbach Barracks is presently under study which may affect this and other facilities. (c) to (f) Included. Not applicable.

2. (a) and (b) There are no plans to relocate HMCS Nonsuch.

3. The development plan for future use of Griesbach Barracks has been discussed with officials of the militia.

4. At the present time there are no plans to move aircraft or personnel from 435 Sqn Edmonton to 436 Sqn Trenton. (a) and (b) Not applicable.

CLOUD SEEDING

Question No. 2,719—**Mr. Laprise:**

1. During the fiscal year (a) 1973-74 (b) 1974-75 (c) 1975-76 (d) 1976-77 did the Meteorological Service conduct experiments on cloud seeding and, if so, in what location?

2. For the same years, did the Service sign contracts with or make grants to private industry or universities for experiments or research on weather modification through cloud seeding and, if so, in each case (a) with whom (b) for what amount (c) in what location was the research or experiment conducted?

Mr. Jim Fleming (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and the Environment): 1. For the fiscal years: (a) 1973-74 No experiments conducted by AES; (b) 1974-75 No experiments conducted by AES; (c) 1975-76 Yes. A research experiment within a 200 mile area of Yellowknife, N.W.T. was conducted by the AES; (d) 1975-76 Yes. Further research experiments were conducted within a 200 mile area of Yellowknife, N.W.T.