

## Questions

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):**

1. Yes, since 1935.
2. The initial rental of equipment was \$4,800 per annum.
3. Current year's estimated cost of data processing equipment rentals and contract services is \$582,730.

USE OF COMPUTER, DEPARTMENT  
OF AGRICULTURE

Question No. 2,011—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Agriculture 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?

4. Annual cost of computer services (departmental and outside facilities):

1960-61	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65
\$17,053.78	\$39,870.90	\$39,979.00	\$46,449.36	\$76,800.97
1965-66	1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70
\$73,663.27	\$195,006.78	\$267,139.40	\$273,818.49	\$357,189.94

5. Over 100 departmental applications are on computers at various universities and commercial agencies across Canada and about 75 on facilities at Ottawa. New programs are continually being written, primarily to provide more efficient analyses of scientific research data and to provide effective administrative support to Production and Marketing, Health of Animals and Agricultural Stabilization activities.

The above answers exclude the Board of Grain Commissioners and the National Farm Management Service (Canfarm) whose requirements are met through separate computer services.

INCENTIVE GRANT TO PRATT REPRESENTATIVES (NEWFOUNDLAND) LTD.

Question No. 2,014—**Mr. Burton:**

1. Has the Department of Regional Economic Expansion under the Regional Development Incentives Act authorized or provided an incentive grant or grants to Pratt Representatives' (Newfoundland) Limited and, if so, what is the amount of each grant?
2. Who are the directors and executive officers of the company?
3. To what extent is this company non-resident or foreign-owned or controlled?
4. What is the name and country of the known non-resident ownership in this company?

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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?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):**

1. Yes, 24 hours a day for five days a week, for in house equipment.

2. Yes, excepting Saturdays and Sundays, for in house equipment.

3. The number of hours planned for future computer utilization depends on the type of computer operated in house, the number and nature of new applications and on utilization of outside computers and service bureaux.

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion and the Bureau of Statistics as follows:

1. This information was contained in the monthly report, tabled in Parliament on the operation of the Regional Development Act.

2. The directors of Pratt Representatives' (Nfld.) Limited as of December 31, 1968 were: J. C. Hudson, Topsail Road, St. John's Nfld.; C. C. Pratt, 10 Waterford Ave., St. John's Nfld.; E. A. Pratt, 140 Waterford Bridge Road, St. John's, Nfld.; W. S. Rowe, 3 Ross Road, St. John's, Nfld.; N. H. Smith, Waterford Avenue, St. John's, Nfld.;

The executive officers were: C. C. Pratt, 10 Waterford Ave., St. John's, Nfld.; E. A. Pratt, President, 140 Waterford Bridge Road, St. John's, Nfld.; W. S. Rowe, Secretary-Treasurer, 3 Ross Road, St. John's, Nfld.; N. H. Smith, Managing-Director, Waterford Ave., St. John's, Nfld.

3. Non-residents have no interest in the voting shares of the company either directly or through other holdings.

4. None.