

4. As the airfield is no longer required by the Department of National Defence it will be declared surplus to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation for disposal.

5. Normal charges for the use of DND Aerodromes by aircraft are detailed in Order-in-Council PC 1962-70 of 18 January, 1962, as amended.

6. Yes, however, the use of the airfield by private operators of aircraft would be at their own risk as the field is no longer maintained or operated, and no services are available at the site: (a) From the Department of National Defence through the Civil Aviation Branch, Ministry of Transport Ottawa; (b) not applicable.

#### UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS HEADQUARTERS IN CANADA

Question No. 1,580—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many United Nations organizations have headquarters in Canada?
2. What are the name and location of each such organization?
3. What is the cost to Canada to maintain each of these headquarters in Canada?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. One.

2. International Civil Aviation Organization, International Aviation Building, Montreal, P.Q.

3. \$450,000 (1969/1970).

#### NATIONAL DEFENCE—MEAFORD TANK RANGE

Question No. 1,582—**Mr. Noble:**

1. Is it the intention of the government to leave the Meaford Tank Range unoccupied indefinitely and, if not, when will a statement be made concerning its future use?
2. Has any action been taken to have the target areas on the Meaford Range designated and proper signs posted as a safety measure or will immediate attention be given to removing any hazardous material from these areas?
3. Has the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development taken any initiative to secure the Meaford Tank Range for a national park?
4. How many people are now employed at the Meaford Range?
5. Has the Camp Borden Rod and Gun Club been given permission to fish, hunt and camp on the Meaford Tank Range?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** 1. The future use of the range is being studied and when a decision is reached a statement will be made later this year.

2. Signs have been posted every hundred yards along the perimeter fence reading "DND PROPERTY—NO TRESPASSING" and "DANGER MILITARY TARGET AREA. DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING IT MAY EXPLODE AND KILL YOU".

3. Discussions have been held from time to time with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (see Hansard dated November 18, 1970, page 1278, in reply to your question 292).

4. Five Corps of Commissionnaires.

5. Yes.

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#### Questions

##### CANADIAN FORCES RESERVES—AGE LIMIT

Question No. 1,583—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government consider the advisability of raising the age requirement to 30 for applicants for the Militia so that those applicants professionally trained in the Arts and Sciences will have the opportunity to apply and serve in the Canadian Forces Militia?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** New orders governing career policies and terms of service for the Primary Reserve component of the Canadian Forces are being issued shortly. These new orders permit recruiting authorities to accept applicants, as officers or men, up to age 35. Canadian Forces' Headquarters may authorize the enlistment of candidates beyond the prescribed age limit depending on their qualifications. Force requirements and provided they can serve at least five years before reaching compulsory release age.

##### POVERTY LEVEL

Question No. 1,585—**Mr. McCleave:**

What does the Department of National Health and Welfare consider to be the acceptable "poverty level" of income for a single person and for a married couple with one wage earner?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** The Department of National Health and Welfare does not use the concept of an acceptable "poverty level" of income. Although the Economic Council of Canada and other agencies have used the term in order to measure the extent of poverty in Canada, the levels of income which they describe as poverty level are necessarily based on opinion and judgment as to what constitutes an acceptable level of income for a given situation. The Department attempts to provide a basic level of income to low income aged persons in Canada. Thus in 1971, it has provided a minimum monthly income of \$135 for a single person and \$255 for a married couple. This amounts to \$1,620 and \$3,060 a year respectively. Through the Old Age Security Act as revised, the government has provided that no person over the age of 65 who meets the residence requirements will have less than these amounts to live on.

##### COST OF MAINTAINING CANADIAN TROOPS IN CYPRUS

Question No. 1,589—**Mr. Harkness:**

1. What is the cost per year to maintain Canadian troops on Cyprus?
2. What has been the total cost, to date, of maintaining Canadian troops on Cyprus?
3. How much of this cost is recovered from the United Nations Organization?
4. Are other nations who have troops on Cyprus functioning under the same financial arrangements and, if not, what are the arrangements?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** 1. From June 16, 1970, to June 15, 1971, approximately \$2,218,755.

2. From inception to June 15, 1971, approximately \$22,620,500.