

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 167, 349, 792, 1,279 and 1,307.

[Text]

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

Question No. 167—**Mr. Friesen:**

1. What is the average salary level of all employees in the Public Service?
2. What is the average salary level for employees in each Crown corporation?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): 1. The average salary of all active employees in the public service under schedule 1, part 1 of the Public Service Staff Relations Act, as of December 31, 1977 is \$14,774.

2. Air Canada, \$17,700; Atomic Energy Control Board, \$19,506; Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, \$17,892; Atlantic Pilotage Authority, \$23,022; Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation, \$14,000; Canadian Arsenals Limited, \$15,968; Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, \$17,011; Canadian Film Development Corporation, \$14,955; Canadian National Railway, \$15,606; Canadian Saltfish Corporation, \$16,397; Canadian Wheat Board, \$13,094; Cape Breton Development Corporation, \$15,560; Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, \$15,656; Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, \$14,061; Defence Construction (1951) Ltd., \$17,280; Economic Council of Canada, \$19,113; Eldorado Nuclear Limited and Eldorado Aviation Limited, \$17,275; Export Development Corporation: By tradition and as a matter of commercial principle Crown corporations have not been required by parliament to answer detailed questions on their administration and operation, and in the case of Export Development Corporation, the Export Development Act places the responsibility for such matters on its board of directors. Farm Credit Corporation, \$17,572; Federal Business Development Bank, \$14,262; Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation, \$13,950; Great Lakes Pilotage Authority Ltd., \$30,852; Laurentian Pilotage Authority, \$18,491; Loto Canada, \$16,610; Medical Research Council, \$18,200; National Battlefields Commission—Administrative Staff, \$14,151; General Labour and Trade, \$5.98/hr.; National Capital Commission, \$15,061; National Harbours Board, \$12,237; National Research Council of Canada, \$20,136; Northern Canada Power Commission, \$15,510; Northern Transportation Company Limited, \$16,400; Pacific Pilotage Authority, \$18,561; Petro-Canada, \$19,000; Royal Canadian Mint, \$14,000; St-Lawrence Seaway Authority, \$15,650; Science Council of Canada, \$22,000; Seaway International Bridge Corporation Ltd., \$15,845; Teleglobe Canada, \$16,125.

RCMP

Question No. 349—**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):**

1. Did the RCMP pay witnesses to provide testimony in court cases during the period 1967 to 1977 and, if so, how many?
2. What was the total amount spent by the RCMP on payments for testimony?

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3. Were such payments made with the knowledge and consent of the respective Ministers of Justice?
4. Were the presiding judges in the relevant court cases aware that witnesses were being paid by the RCMP to testify?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): 1. The RCMP does not "pay witnesses to provide testimony in court cases" per se. Witnesses are paid witness fees in accordance with statutory provisions with such payments normally being handled by clerks of the court. On occasion, however, these payments are made by the RCMP and the moneys recouped from the applicable level of government. In exceptional cases, where in the interests of the witness it is deemed necessary to do so, the RCMP has paid for relocation and living expenses in order to protect him and/or his family from recrimination. The RCMP does, of course, pay awards to informants for services rendered in the course of investigations which can and often do culminate in charges being laid. In some cases, although not the usual practice, the informant may be called upon to testify in court.

2, 3 and 4. Not applicable.

Question No. 792—**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):**

1. Does the RCMP relocate its witnesses and is it normal practice to promise them the downpayment on a house and, if so, in what amount?
2. (a) Is it common or normal practice to give witnesses cash to relocate themselves (b) is their safety guaranteed and (i) if so, in what way (ii) if not, is the cash for relocation a payment for services?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): 1. Yes, on occasion and as required. (a) No. (b) Not applicable.

2. (a) No. (b) Yes, if considered necessary; (i) the procedures taken to ensure safety would be rendered less effective by public disclosure; (ii) not applicable.

PUBLIC WORKS

Question No. 1,279—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What amount was spent by the government in each of the past five years for the construction of government owned buildings, structures of any kind whatsoever, highways, etc., in the Province of Quebec and what was the total for the five years?
2. What is the budgeted or estimated amount that will be spent for such things in the fiscal year (a) 1978-79 (b) 1979-80?
3. What was the figure in each of the past five years for buildings, structures of any kind whatsoever, etc., rented by the government on a lease-back basis within the Province of Quebec and what was the total for the past five years?
4. What is the budgeted or estimated amount that will be spent for such things in the fiscal year (a) 1978-79 (b) 1979-80?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works and Minister of State for Science and Technology): 1. 1973-74, \$36,405,000; 1974-75, 55,913,000; 1975-76, 97,695,000; 1976-77, 117,682,000; 1977-78, 173,241,000 (estimated); total, \$480,936,000 (estimated).

2. (a) 1978-79 An estimated amount of \$190 million will be spent on construction of government owned buildings, structures, highways, bridges, etc. This amount includes all new construction/acquisition costs including consultants costs and the cost of land purchases. (b) 1979-80 Figures not available at present time.