

2. What is the total number of addresses made by the Minister of Agriculture since he assumed his portfolio to political gatherings that have been reprinted and distributed at public expense?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. Copies of speeches delivered by the Minister of Agriculture for Canada were printed, and distributed, at public expense, on October 12 and October 13, 1973. The speeches were not political addresses, in the partisan political sense, but reviews of policies, programs and proposals. (a) 1,995 copies were prepared, 1,460 in the English language and 535 in the French language. (b) The direct cost was \$189.79. (c) The copies were distributed to 1,845 people. (d) The copies were distributed to members of the news media and the public who have specifically asked the Department of Agriculture to provide them with the text of all prepared speeches delivered by the Minister of Agriculture. Anyone who requests copies may obtain them by applying to the Information Division of the Canada Department of Agriculture.

2. The Minister of Agriculture for Canada has delivered up to October 15, 1973, 57 prepared speeches. This number is one-tenth of the number of speeches he has been requested to make. Every speech made has been distributed to the news media and public. The Minister of Agriculture has delivered most of these speeches on week-ends or Wednesday nights.

CANADIAN TRANSPORT COMMISSION—PUBLICITY EXPENDITURES

Question No. 2,851—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What were the amounts of money spent by the Canadian Transport Commission on publicity and/or information in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date?

2. What were the names and addresses of firms and individuals who received these contracts, what amounts of money were spent in each case and what was the purpose of each contract?

3. In the case of expenditures for publicity and/or information made within the Department by its publicity or information division, what was the amount in each case and the purpose of the expenditure?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: 1. Normal information services operating expenditures (including salaries) in 1972-73 were \$48,685, and in 1973-74 to October 31 were \$30,179.

2. Nil.

3. Nil.

ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA—PUBLICITY EXPENDITURES

Question No. 2,858—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What were the amounts of money spent by the Economic Council of Canada on publicity and/or information in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date?

2. What were the names and addresses of firms and individuals who received these contracts, what amounts of money were spent in each case and what was the purpose of each contract?

3. In the case of expenditures for publicity and/or information made within the Department by its publicity or information division, what was the amount in each case and the purpose of the expenditure?

Order Paper Questions

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. 1972-73, \$8,645; 1973-74 to date, Nil.

2. Name: John Doherty & Company Limited; Address: 46 Elgin Street, Ottawa, Ontario; Purpose: Advertising for the submission of briefs with regard to this Council's Special Reference on Cyclical Instability in Construction.

3. Nil.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING TECHNICAL MATTERS CONCERNING SUBMERSIBLES

Question No. 2,985—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. With respect to the answer to Question No. 2,322, what are the names of those officials of the government presently represented on the International Committee operating under the auspices of the American Bureau of Shipping to investigate technical matters concerning submersibles and what are their responsibilities within the Department?

2. What other nations are represented on this Committee and on how many occasions and at what dates has this Committee or sub-committees thereof met to discuss the standardization of external adaptors since January 1, 1972?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. The Ministry of Transport representative for technical matters concerning submersibles on the American Bureau of Shipping Special Committee on Submersible Vehicles is Mr. W. E. Bonn. Mr. Bonn is Superintendant, Hulls Inspection and Standards, Steamship Inspection, Marine Safety, and his responsibilities are as follows: Under the direction of the Chief, Steamship Inspection Division of the Marine Safety Branch at Ottawa Headquarters, organizes and controls the planning, development and co-ordination of departmental programs covering the inspection of ships' hulls, structural fire protection systems, assignment of load line, damaged and undamaged stability, flooding and heeling systems and associated machinery and equipment, programs for the design and approval of ships subdivision, and the design and operation of ships in Arctic waters; provides direct supervision to assigned staff at headquarters and functional supervision to field inspection staff.

2. The above-mentioned committee consists of 31 members from both industry and government and has representatives from five countries, viz., U.S.A., Canada, Switzerland, France and the United Kingdom. Canada is represented by five members from the industry, the Canadian Armed Forces and the Ministry of Transport. The book "Guide for the Classification of Manned Submersibles" produced and presently being modified has been the subject of the two meetings held since January 1972. The standardization of external adaptors is a high priority item for the next meeting, tentatively planned for early December 1973.

NUMBER OF POLAR BEARS SHOT

Question No. 2,991—**Mr. Paproski:**

1. How many polar bears were shot in Canadian territory (a) by licensed Eskimo hunters (b) by non resident sportsmen using Eskimo licence privileges in 1971, 1972 and 1973?

2. What is the latest official estimate of polar bear population in Canadian territories?