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## BLOWPIPE WEAPONS

Question No. 3,781—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. How many Blowpipe weapons have been issued to Canadian troops up to December 1, 1975?
2. What fraction or percentage of the order for such weapon does this figure represent?
3. What is the total cost of the weapon and ammunition issued to the troops up to December 1, 1975?
4. What is the maximum range of the weapon?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** 1. One hundred three systems are being purchased and some items including training devices are being received. However, no complete systems have been issued to the troops as of this date.

2. Not applicable in view of 1 above.
3. Total program cost including aiming units, ancillary items and missiles is estimated to be \$30,493,000.
4. This information is presently classified in accordance with a NATO agreement.

## FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES STORAGE CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Question No. 3,914—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. Under the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Storage Construction Financial Assistance Programme have meetings been held between the government and the Province of Newfoundland to make them aware of such a programme?
2. Have any meetings been held between federal agricultural officials stationed in Newfoundland with produce groups to make them aware of such a programme?
3. (a) What action has been taken by the Information Services, Department of Agriculture to advise produce groups across Canada of the programme (b) on what dates were meetings held (c) what groups were contacted?
4. Of the 18 projects assisted in 1975 with a total cost of \$4,205,883 were any applications received from the Province of Newfoundland?
5. What were the 18 projects assisted in 1975, by group and province?
6. What is the total budget allocation for the programme?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. Yes, provincial officials were advised about details of the program through discussions following announcement of the program.

2. Contact was made individually with potential applicants rather than through formal meetings.
3. (a), (b) and (c) Information Services, Department of Agriculture, did not have meetings across the country to bring information to the attention of groups but did release complete information about the program through the press and 75 radio stations on September 24, 1973 and September 9, 1974.
4. No.
5. Alberta: Bassano Growers Co-operative Ltd., Bassano Vauxhall Potato Farm Storage Ltd., Vauxhall. British Columbia: Vancouver Island Vegetable Co-op, Courtenay, B.C. Kelowna Growers Exchange Co-op., Kelowna, B.C. Cloverdale Lettuce & Vegetable Co-op, Cloverdale, B.C. Oliver-Osoyoos Growers Association, Oliver, B.C. Lake Area Co-operative Growers Assoc., Summerland, B.C. Manitoba: Haskett Growers Ltd., Stanley Man. New

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Brunswick: Co-op Kent-Sud, Ste-Marie de Kent. Nova Scotia: Scotian Gold Co-operative Ltd., Kentville, N.S. Ontario Oxford Fruit Co-op Ltd., Woodstock Elgin Co-operative Services, St. Thomas Cedar Springs Cherry Growers Co-op Ltd., Blenheim, Ont. The Norfolks Fruit Growers Assoc., Simcoe, Ont. Bluewater Storage Ltd., Clarksburg Ontario Fruit-for- Processing Co-operative Ltd., St. Catharines. Quebec: Tremblay et Desroches Ltée, St-Alexis. Société coopérative Agricole des Pomiculteurs de Rougemont, Rougemont.

6. Budget allocation 1975-76: \$2,000,000.

## BEAUFORT SEA STUDY COMMISSION

Question No. 4,022—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

1. What were the (a) names (b) duties (c) salaries of (i) the Chairman (ii) other members of the study commission that prepared the report entitled *Offshore Drilling for Oil in the Beaufort Sea — A Preliminary Assessment*?
2. Did the study relate to the dangers of pollution of (a) water (b) air and, if so, to what degree?
3. Did the oil companies financially contribute to the research and, if so (a) which companies (b) to what extent in each case (c) were (i) multinational (ii) national companies involved?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of the Environment):**

1. The report was the result of the work of many scientists both from the federal and private sectors. It was edited by A. R. Milne, Project Manager and B. D. Smiley, Project Biologist and incorporated the comments and observations of many departments. The final authority for the preparation of this report rested with a Steering Committee consisting of the following three members of Environment Canada. Dr. R. W. Stewart, Chairman, SX-2 \$31,500-41,500, Director-General, Pacific Region, Ocean and Aquatic Sciences, Fisheries and Marine Service. Dr. J. Clodman, REM-3 \$29,000-37,200, Director, Meteorological Services Research Branch, Atmospheric Environment Service. Dr. A. McPherson, SX-2 \$31,500-41,500, Director-General, Western and Northern Region, Environmental Management Service.

2. The study considered that the pollution caused by oil in the water environment posed the greatest threat and the report concentrated on this aspect. The pollution to the air either by the natural escape of gas from a blow-out or by the burning of oil and gas in a countermeasure program was not considered to be as significant.

3. The oil industry contributed a total of \$4.1 million to the Beaufort Sea Project through a direct transfer to Treasury Board. The industrial input was co-ordinated through the Arctic Petroleum Operators Association and also included the input of scientific and technical knowledge. There were eighteen companies involved and their respective contributions are as follows: Hunt International, multinational, \$826,560, 20.16 per cent; Imperial Oil, multinational, \$539,560, 13.16 per cent; Canadian Superior, multinational, \$494,460, 12.06 per cent; Aquitaine, multinational, \$319,390, 7.79 per cent; Dome Petroleum, national, \$300,490, 7.34 per cent; Elf, multinational, \$252,970, 6.17 per cent; Sun Oil, multinational, \$241,490, 5.89 per cent; Mobil Oil, multinational, \$214,840, 5.24 per cent; Gulf, multinational, \$214,430, 5.23 per cent; Hudson Bay Oil & Gas, multinational, \$173,430, 4.23 per cent; Pan Arctic, national, \$120,950, 2.95 per cent; Shell Canada, multinational, \$100,-