

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—INFORMATION SERVICE

Questions

Question No. 2,572—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Finance provide an information service and, if so, what was the cost for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?
2. How many publications and/or periodicals and/or information sheets and/or public releases were provided by the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive and what was the cost for each publication for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?
3. How many copies of each publication are provided and to whom are they distributed and how is the distribution effected?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):

1. Yes. An information office was established in 1966. Prior to 1966 information duties were performed by officers of the Department as part of their other duties, and the costs attributable solely to information duties before 1966 cannot be identified. The costs since then, including salaries, are: fiscal year 1966-67, \$53,714; 1967-68, \$96,244; 1968-69, \$45,638.

2. Accurate information is not available with respect to fiscal years 1960-61 to 1965-66 inclusive. Numbers and total costs since then are as follows. Costs attributable to individual publication cannot be identified.

Publications and/or Information Sheets
Periodicals
Public (Press) Releases

1966-67		1967-68		1968-69	
No.	Cost	No.	Cost	No.	Cost
9	\$30,930	13	\$74,950	8	\$23,474
	NIL		NIL		NIL
118	\$ 7,538	176	\$ 5,001	175	\$ 4,800

3. During the period 1966-67 to 1968-69: distribution of information relating to budgets has averaged 2,500 copies per year; distribution of material relating to government guaranteed loans has averaged 335,000 copies per year of brochures, 119,000 copies per year of guidelines, 4,700 copies per year of annual reports and, in 1967-68 only, 6,500 copies of the consolidation of one of the acts; distribution of public (press) releases has ranged from 50 to 3,000 copies depending on the subject matter, with an average distribution of 700 copies.

Information relating to budgets, guaranteed loans administration publications, and public (press) releases are distributed to the news media, to Members of Parliament and Senators, to interested libraries and embassies, and to interested officials and individuals in the fields of government, banking, industry, commerce and education. Copies of brochures, guidelines or acts relating to government guaranteed loans are sent in bulk to those agencies empowered to make loans under the relevant acts and, through those agencies, are distributed to prospective borrowers.

Distribution is mainly by mail but departmental messengers are used in the case of some local recipients.

ROBERTS BANK—PROTECTION OF DELTA RESIDENTS FROM POLLUTION

Question No. 2,574—**Mr. Goode:**

What steps will be taken by the railways, Kaiser Steel Corporation and National Harbours Board to

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protect the residents of the Municipality of Delta from the following sources of pollution stemming from the development of Roberts Bank Superport (a) railway cars carrying coal at high speeds (b) oil slicks and other hazards from ocean vessels (c) spillage and dust from loading operations?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): In so far as the Minister of Transport is concerned:

The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: Regarding pollution arising from railway car operations, no problem of this nature is foreseen at this time due to the speed at which coal trains will operate and the normal load level of cars and location of the loading area.

The National Harbours Board advises as follows: Pollution will be controlled by Section 4 of the Board's By-Law A-1 which states:

"4. (1) No person shall cause or do or omit to do anything which may cause in any manner (a) an encumbrance of the water or shore of the harbour; or (b) an obstruction or danger to navigation in the harbour.

(2) Nothing shall be thrown, drained or discharged in the water, allowed to come in contact with the water, or deposited anywhere within the limits of the harbour, which may in any manner (a) damage vessels or property; or (b) cause any nuisance or endanger life or health; Provided that ballast or rubbish may be placed, left