

Order Paper Questions

information, determine whether the substance should be released into the aquatic environment. (b) There are no regulations on the use of bilge cleaners. However, the disposal of this class of substances is regulated by the Oil Pollution Prevention Regulations under Section 20 of the Canada Shipping Act. The enforcement of these regulations is the responsibility of the Ministry of Transport. (c) The regulations cited in 1. (b) are contained in S.O.R. 71-495 of September 21, 1971.

2. The position of the government of Canada on the disposal of bilge cleaning substances is consistent with the "New Oceans Policy" announced July 12, 1973, by the Minister of State for Science and Technology.

In so far as the Ministry of State for Science and Technology is concerned:

1. (a) There are no regulations with regard to the use of toxic bilge cleaners by non-government vessels; however, the disposal of these substances is regulated by the Canada Shipping Act. (b) The discharge of bilge cleaning substances which are oil or which contain oil is governed by the Oil Pollution Prevention Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act; the discharge of bilge cleaning substances which are not oil or which do not contain oil is governed by the Pollutant Substances Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act. (c) The Oil Pollution Prevention Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act were contained in S.O.R. 71-495 of September 21, 1971, published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, Volume 105, No. 19. The Pollutant Substances Regulations of the Canada Shipping Act were contained in S.O.R. 73-113 of February 28, 1973, published in the Canada Gazette, Part II, Volume 107, No. 5.

2. Yes.

In so far as the Ministry of Transport is concerned:

1. (a) Toxic bilge cleaning substances may be used by non-government vessels for the normal purpose of good housekeeping. However, the resulting mixture, an oily substance, is prohibited from being discharged into the water under the Oil Pollution Prevention Regulations. (b) There are no regulations that specifically refer to toxic bilge cleaners. However, should the cleaner contain a toxic substance which is included in the list of substances in the Pollutant Substances Regulations, its discharge into the water would be prohibited. (c) The date of proclamation of the Pollutant Substances Regulations was February 27, 1973, and notice of this appeared in the Canada Gazette, Part II, Volume 107, No. 5.

2. Yes.

LONG DISTANCE POWER TRANSMISSION CONTRACTS

Question No. 2,404—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Did the Government of Manitoba approve the award of the contract to expand the capacity of a direct current long distance transmission line from Northern Manitoba to Winnipeg?

2. Did the federal government withhold its approval of the contract and, if so, for what reason?

3. Which level of government has the final say in awarding contracts under the Nelson River Power Agreement signed in 1962, where substantial funding is provided by Ottawa?

4. Is there a clause in the Agreement providing for flexibility in assessing bids on the basis of Canadian content and, if so, what flexibility is allowed?

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5. Was the contract awarded to Brown-Boveri (Canada) Ltd. and, if so (a) what was the amount of the bid (b) was a change made in the original contract to upgrade the Canadian content in the Swiss bid (c) how much was added to the contract price as a result of such change?

6. (a) What other bids were received on this project (b) what was the amount of each such bid and the percentage of Canadian content?

7. (a) Has the Canadian General Electric Company of Peterborough been negotiating with DREE and the Manitoba Government for assistance in establishing a plant in Brandon, Manitoba (b) was the plant related to the awarding of the long distance power transmission contract (c) are negotiations still proceeding and, if not, for what reason?

8. (a) What has been the total cost of the Nelson River Power Project to date (b) what proportion of such cost has been provided by the federal government?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and Regional Economic Expansion as follows: 1. The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources understands that the government of Manitoba has approved the award of the contract.

2. Yes. The government of Canada could not accept the technological and industrial development evaluation for the award of the contract to a foreign supplier.

3. There is no 1962 agreement, nor is there as yet any agreement relating to the expansion of the Nelson River Transmission Facility. Guidelines for the proposed new agreement included provision for Manitoba to make an independent selection but without benefit of federal financing.

4. The guidelines relating to the proposed agreement provide for flexibility in the assessment of Canadian content; no specific limits are given.

5. See reply to question 1. (a), (b) and (c) Information on bids received by Manitoba Hydro would have to come from Manitoba Hydro.

6. (a) It is understood Manitoba Hydro announced that bids were requested and received from the following companies: Brown-Boveri (Canada) Ltd.; Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd.; Canadian ASEA Ltd. and General Electric Co. of England.

7. (a), (b) and (c) When a firm accepts an offer of development assistance under the Regional Incentives Act, this information appears in the report on Regional Development Incentives, which is submitted to parliament every month. Department policy is to treat as confidential any information concerning an application for assistance until the application has been approved, and an offer of assistance has been made and accepted.

8. (a) Since the federal government is not involved in the development of Hydro Power sites on the Nelson River, the total cost of the Nelson River Power Project is not known. (b) Under a 1966 agreement between Canada and the government of Manitoba the federal government has expended approximately \$240 million in constructing the first stage of a high voltage direct current transmission system from the Nelson River area to a terminal station near Winnipeg.