Order Paper Questions

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): 1. 1970: 3; 1971: 5; 1972: 4; 1973: 14; 1974: 12; 1975: 7 (as of October 22). Total 45.

2. (a) 1970: Clerical and Regulatory; Clerical and Regulatory, Post Office. 1971: Post Office; Post Office; Firefighters; Post Office; Post Office. 1972: Electronics; Electronics; Post Office; Post Office. 1973: Post Office; Nurses; Clerical and Regulatory; Post Office; Post Office. 1974: Post Office; Firefighters; General Labour & Trades & General Services; Data Processing; Radio Operations; Heating, Power and Stationary Plant; Radio Operations; Clerical and Regulatory; Primary Products Inspection; Most Employees (Sept-Iles); Education; General Labour and Trades, Heating, Power and Stationary Plant; General Labour and Trades; Post Office; Post Office; Post Office; Nursing; Correctional.

2. (b) 1970: 1 day; 3 days; 1 day. 1971: 1 day; 2 days; 3 days; 1 day; 8 days. 1972: 1 day; 24 days; 1 day; 12 days. 1973: January through February; 1 day; 1 day; 2 days; 1 day; 1 day; 5 days; 1 day; 1 day; 2 days; 6 days; 3 days; 1 day; 1 day. 1974: 17 days; 22 days; 1 day; 2 days; 2 days; 1 day; 2 days; 1 day; 2 days; 1 day; 1 day; 5 days. 1975: 2 days; 1 day; February 17 to March 19; 4 days; April 14 to May 27; 3 days; 1 day.

2. (c) Charges of participating in an unlawful work stoppage were laid against the following groups of employees: 65 Radio Operations employees (October 1974); 225 Clerical and Regulatory employees (Air Traffic Control Assistants, October 1974); 912 General Labour and Trades employees (December 19-23, 1974); 543 Designated General Labour and Trades employees (February 17-March 19, 1975).

3. It is impossible to provide accurate figures on charges that may have been dropped. Because cases must be heard locally in Provincial Criminal Courts, cases had to be assigned to regional lawyers of the Department of Justice and to local agents acting on behalf of the Crown. Many cases are still current and will appear in court over the next six months. Consequently, it is not possible to provide complete or accurate information. We have received reports of fines ranging from \$10 to \$100 (the maximum permissible) having been imposed in certain cases; in other cases, certain employees have been found to be not guilty by reason of legal technicality or lack of evidence.

4. We are aware that some charges were dropped following legal advice that there was insufficient evidence to obtain a conviction; in some cases, sick leave was accepted as an excuse for the employee's absence. Because of the geographic distribution of cases and the fact that they have yet to appear in court, accurate figures cannot be provided.

LAND AREA PRINCIPLE

Question No. 3,183-Mr. Marshall:

1. Did the Minister of the Environment state that only ten per cent of Canada's total land area is suitable for modern agricultural methods and that only one half of one per cent of our land has first class agricultural capability and, if so, what are the details in support of such statement?

[Mr. Schumacher.]

2. Does this statement apply to the individual Maritime Provinces and, if so, in what way?

3. Is action being taken by the Department of the Environment to develop an acceptable framework of land use principles and, if so, in what way?

Mr. George Baker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): 1. Yes. This information is derived through the Canadian Geographic Information System from the Soil Capability for Agriculture Sector of the Canada Land Inventory. There are approximately 19,000 square miles (12,000,000 acres) of class one land out of Canada's total area of approximately 3,851,000 square miles.

2. This statement relates to all of Canada; therefore, the percentages do not pertain to individual provinces. There is no Class 1 agricultural land in the Maritime Provinces. However, New Brunswick has 13,262,030 acres of Class 2 to Class 5 land suitable for modern agricultural methods representing 73 per cent of the Province's total land area. Nova Scotia has 4,076,884 acres or 30 per cent of its land and Prince Edward Island has 1,306,363 acres or 94 per cent of its land area in Class 2 to Class 5.

3. Yes, an interdepartmental task force has been formed to explore with the provinces, the possibility of producing a set of national land-use objectives and strategies. This task force is currently identifying and assessing the landuse impact of federal programs as they relate to land-use issues. Already reports have been produced by a number of federal departments involved in programs which affect land-use and these are under examination by the interdepartmental task force. Concurrently, federal-provincial discussions have been initiated with respect to the development of national land-use objectives.

DREE—GUARANTEED LOANS TO FIRMS IN NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 3,206-Mr. Howie:

How many firms in Newfoundland had loans guaranteed by DREE from April 1, 1973 to September 30, 1975 (a) what was the total amount of the guarantees (b) how many of the firms are not currently operating (c) what was the total amount of guarantees to the firms not currently operating?

Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: None. (a) Not applicable; (b) Not applicable; (c) Not applicable.

MIRABEL AIRPORT-TOTAL COST OF OPENING OCTOBER 4, 1975

Question No. 3,212-Mr. Nystrom:

1. (a) What was the total cost to the government for the official opening of Mirabel Airport on October 4, 1975 (b) what was the cost for (i) advertising (ii) security arrangements (iii) food (iv) liquor (v) hotel accommodations (vi) travel (vii) all other items?

2. How many guests were invited by the government?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Based on the total cost for the overall four-day program (approximately \$214,000) the cost for this one-day event is estimated at: 1. (a) \$95,121. (b) (i) Advertising, No cost; (ii) Security Arrangements, \$7,927; (iii) Food, \$36,034; (iv) Liquor, \$16,860; (v) Accommodation and hospitality for