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ICEBREAKING SERVICES

Question No. 729—Mr. Forrestall:

1. Is the government aware that ice dues are charged for the provision of icebreaking services at various Scandinavian and Baltic ports?
2. Does the government intend to implement ice dues for commercial vessels requiring icebreaking at St. Lawrence River ports and (a) if so, on what date (b) if not, for what reason?
3. Does the government consider that the lack of ice dues at St. Lawrence ports is discriminatory against the Ports of Halifax and Saint John?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): 1. Yes.

2. (a) Transport Canada is in the process of assessing cost-recovery options (including ice dues) for services offered by the Canadian Coast Guard. Present efforts are directed towards Seaway tolls, pilotage charges and the financial position of ports under the proposed Canadian Ports Commission. (b) N/A.

3. Transport Canada does not consider that the lack of ice dues at St. Lawrence ports is discriminatory against the ports of Halifax and Saint John. These ports which are not affected by ice in winter months have a natural advantage for shippers over ports located within ice covered waters.

GOVERNMENT'S DATA BANKS—USE AND MEANS OF ACCESS OF S.I.N.

Question No. 777—Mr. Beatty:

1. What is a complete listing of the government's data banks containing personally-identifiable information about individuals in which the Social Insurance Number may be used to access the computerized file and, in each case (a) what is the nature of the information contained in the file (b) on how many individuals is the information kept (c) in what ways, other than by using the Social Insurance Number, can an individual's file be accessed?
2. What (a) statutes (b) regulations require the use of a Social Insurance Number by an individual to participate in the programme?
3. As of November 1, 1977 (a) how many individuals had taken out Social Insurance Numbers (b) approximately how many applications for Social Insurance Numbers were waiting to be processed?
4. How many new Social Insurance Numbers were issued in 1976?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by Treasury Board and Canada Employment and Immigration Commission as follows: 1. Presently unknown, but within six months questions on the use of the Social Insurance Number, authority for such use and alternate means of access can be added to an inventory of information banks containing personally-identifiable information about individuals which is being compiled in conjunction with Part IV of Canadian Human Rights Act. (a) as in 1. (b) as in 1. (c) as in 1.

2. As in 1.

3. (a) As of November 1, 1977, 19,874,749 Social Insurance Numbers had been issued since the start of the program in 1964. (b) At the close of business on November 1, 1977, the balance of applications on hand in all sections of the Central Index was as follows: S-1 applications (for new SIN's or

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replacement cards), 22,206; S-5 for record amendments, 4,840. Total: 27,046.

4. 875,784

ASSISTANCE TO THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION

Question No. 902—Mr. Brisco:

1. Does the government assist the International Air Transport Association and, if so, to what extent and in what form?
2. Has financial assistance been provided to the Association and, if so, in what amount in the past five years and during the current year?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Transport Canada advises as follows: 1. Transport Canada provides assistance to the International Air Transport Association in the following forms: (a) Consultation on Air operations by IATA members while in Canadian airspace. (b) As a result of discussions held under the auspices of international organizations such as ICAO, government officials have cooperated with IATA technical officials to review and recommend courses of action related to specific technical problems.

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CONSUMABLE MEDICINAL PRODUCTS

Question No. 957—Mr. Howie:

Since January 1, 1977, how many consumable medicinal products were banned or recommended against use by the Department of National Health and Welfare?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Since January 1, 1977, four consumable medicinal products were removed from the Canadian market: two phenformin products, Animo-Cerv and anti-asthmatic cigarettes. Also effective January 1, 1978, the sale of 97 products containing chloroform as an active ingredient has been prohibited. Manufacturers have been advised of a proposal that a further ten products containing oxyphenisatin and related compounds be removed from sale.

STUDIES REGARDING CHILD NEGLECT OR ABUSE

Question No. 961—Mr. Howie:

Since January 1, 1976, were studies made for the Department of National Health and Welfare by outside consultants regarding child neglect or abuse?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes. The National Health Research and Development Program has supported studies in this subject area for a total of \$24,540 for 1976-77 and for \$142,097 for 1977-78. A study carried out by the Tree Foundation of Canada in conjunction with the Challenge for Change program of the National Film Board of Canada from December 1975 to September 1976, concerning a review of all available North American audio-visual material on child abuse, resulted in the Department of National Health and Welfare having purchased for distribution a number of films and filmstrips dealing with child abuse and neglect. These include copies of five