

gain participation from smaller local builders, it was decided to seek bids utilizing the invitational method.

3. Invitational bids were received from two construction companies: Williston Homes Ltd. and Carr & Rogers Construction.

RCMP BUILDING—MINTO, NEW BRUNSWICK

Question No. 1,355—**Mr. Corbett:**

1. Is an RCMP building under construction in Minto, New Brunswick and, if so, from whom was the land purchased and at what cost?
2. Did the village of Minto protest the location of the building?

Mr. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): (1) The Royal Canadian Mounted Police Building is presently under construction in Minto, New Brunswick. Two parcels of land were purchased from two parties, Les Religieuses de Notre Dame du Sacre-Coeur in the amount of \$6,500. and Louis and Glenna Dicarlo in the amount of \$18,500.

(2) The department received the usual approvals from the town, such as the Subdivision and Building Permits, and is not aware of any protests.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—TRISERVICE UNIFORMS

Question No. 1,361—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

What would be the cost of providing separate distinct uniforms for the Navy, Air Force and Army over and above the cost of supplying one standard uniform for all branches of the service?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): \$26,400,000.

CMHC—RRAP AND CHIP PROGRAMS—CONSTITUENCY OF OXFORD

Question No. 1,365—**Mr. Halliday:**

For the fiscal year (a) 1977-78 (b) 1978-79, how many persons in the constituency of Oxford applied for assistance and received monetary assistance under the (i) Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (ii) Canadian Home Improvement Program?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): I am advised by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows:

- (i) Data on NHA activity are compiled by CMHC on the basis of municipal counties and not on the basis of federal electoral constituencies. In this instance the federal constituency of Oxford consists of the whole of the county of Oxford. There was no activity under the Rehabilitation Assistance Program in this county during the period 1977 to 1979.
- (ii) CHIP statistics are available on a provincial basis only.

CANADA COUNCIL—LIST OF ITEMS PURCHASED

Question No. 1,370—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the supplement to the Canada Council 22nd annual report for 1978-79 which lists a total of \$603,300 for the purchase of certain items for the Canada Council art bank along with the names of the artists, what is a

complete list and description of the items purchased from each artist including the cost of the item and the Canada Council's plans for its use?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows:

Data concerning each work of the art bank collection is recorded, for working purposes, on a card index. Compiling this information would involve an inordinate amount of staff time and expense. The complete art bank record system is now being computerized so that detailed information of the kind requested by the member will be available in the future.

All works purchased through the art bank are intended for lease to government departments and other non-profit agencies in accordance with established council policy governing the collection.

MOOSEHIDE CREEK—YUKON TERRITORY

Question No. 1,392—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

Did the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development give its approval for the staking of placer claims on Moosehide Creek in the Yukon Territory and, if so, will the Department guarantee that the claims will in no way contaminate the domestic water supply of the Moosehide Indian Reserve?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): The staking of claims under the Yukon Placer Mining Act does not require the approval of the department. Section 17 of this act states that any individual 18 years or older may stake claims upon any lands in the territory with the exception of some areas such as national parks and cemeteries.

If it is determined that the band uses Moosehide Creek for domestic purposes, future use of the creek by miners could be licensed under the Northern Inland Waters Act. The terms and conditions would be such as to protect the quality of the water.

CIDA—LATIN AMERICAN WORKING GROUP

Question No. 1,419—**Mr. Blenkarn:**

1. In the past decade, has CIDA given any money to the Latin American Working Group and, if so, how much and for what project(s)?
2. In the past five years, has the International Development Research Centre made any grants to the Latin American Working Group and, if so, how much and for what project(s)?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In so far as the Canadian International Development Agency is concerned: No.

In so far as the International Development Research Centre is concerned: No.

UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN OTTAWA

Question No. 1,422—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Department of External Affairs aware if the United States Embassy in Ottawa has been refusing to accept Canadian postal money orders in United States dollars as payment for various service fees charged by the embassy and (a) if not, will the government investigate the situation (b) if so (i) will the government make public all the reasons that the embassy finds Canadian postal