

Order Paper Questions

Zone	Extended Operations Season
11	July 5-July 23 and October 25-December 15
12	June 10-July 23 and October 25-December 31
13	June 10-August 1 and October 15-December 31
14	June 20-July 23 and October 25-January 16
15	June 20-July 23 and October 25-January 31
16	June 5-July 23 and October 25-January 10

2. Yes. The Ministry of Transport intends to employ the R-Class Icebreakers in the Arctic from approximately July 1 to October 31 each year during which period of time commercial shipping, with its limited icebreaking capability, is operating in the Arctic Archipelago.

R-CLASS ICEBREAKERS AS SUBSTITUTE FOR
POLAR-CLASS ICEBREAKER

Question No. 2,564—**Mr. Forrestall:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 2,229 (2), does the government intend in any way to employ the proposed R-Class icebreakers as a substitute for a large, truly polar-class icebreaker with capability for virtual twelve-month operations in assist to extractive and other operations in Canada's Arctic Archipelago?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): No, but depending on conditions, they may well be used to supplement the operations of any larger class icebreaker.

SPEED OF PROPOSED R-CLASS ICEBREAKERS

Question No. 2,565—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What maximum speed, and what minimum speed will the proposed R-Class icebreakers be able to maintain in the continuous progress made in, for example, search and rescue operations, for each of the Zones as outlined in the Arctic Shipping Safety Control Zones, for each of the months from July to February?

2. What alternative icebreaker facilities will be available from the Canadian Coast Guard to assist in search and rescue operations, and particularly rescue functions, for the months in which the proposed R-Class icebreakers are of absolutely no use in specific Zones as outlined in Part 1?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. Depending upon the existing ice conditions found in the Zones between July and February which vary greatly from open water to multi-year ice of up to 9 foot thickness, the continuous progress mode speed of the R-Class Icebreaker will likewise vary from a maximum of 16 knots to a minimum of zero knots.

2. Bearing in mind that commercial traffic is not presently in the north prior to July 1 or after October 31 each year, and that no marine search and rescue incidents are normally to be expected outside this period, the *CCGS Louis S. St. Laurent* and the *CCGS John A. Macdonald* would be made available to assist in any search and rescue operations that may occur beyond the seasonal operating period of the R-Class Icebreakers in the north.

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

DREE—GRANT TO SAUNDERS AIRCRAFT CORPORATION,
GIMLI, MANITOBA

Question No. 2,587—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. Has Saunders Aircraft Corporation of Gimli, Manitoba applied for a grant from the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?

2. Has such a grant, subject to the usual conditions, been approved and, if so, for what amount?

3. Has the amount agreed upon been paid to Saunders Aircraft Corporation and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: 1. Yes.

2. Yes, \$996,000—based upon estimated capital costs of \$1,550,000 and an estimated 405 jobs to be created.

3. Although the full amount has not been paid, the company has received an initial payment of \$257,424 on the basis of the eligible capital costs incurred and an estimated 146 jobs created in respect of Phase I of the project.

PROPOSED SEISMIC TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY E.M.R.

Question No. 2,625—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Did representatives of the community at Coral Harbour in the Northwest Territories meet with officials of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in June, 1973, to discuss proposed seismic tests to be carried out by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources?

2. Did spokesmen for the community make clear to the officials present that they opposed any tests which might harm the land and waters before a settlement of their land claims was reached?

3. Was the request transmitted to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and Energy, Mines and Resources?

4. (a) Were the proposed experiments carried out in the vicinity of Coral Harbour and, if so, for what reason (b) were further discussions held with the representatives of the local people to explain the reasons why their requests had been ignored?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Yes.

4. (a) No; (b) not applicable.

IMPORT DUTIES ON MOBILE HOMES

Question No. 2,649—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. On what date does the Minister of Finance plan to reinstate the recent 2½ per cent reduction in import duties on mobile homes?

2. Does this policy adversely affect Canadian manufacturers to the benefit of United States manufacturers?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): 1. The legislation which implemented the tariff reduction on mobile homes provides that the reduced tariff rate will remain in effect for one year from February 19, 1973. The legislation also provides authority for the restoration of the pre-Budget rates by Order in Council in instances where, in the view of the Government, the tariff reduc-