

7. Does Canada receive any revenue from renting any of the foregoing facilities to domestic or foreign corporations?

8. If so, how much in each case?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):

1. The construction of the Alouette I satellite cost \$3,100,000.

The U.S.A. paid for the launching of Alouette I; hence the Canadian government does not know the precise cost; but it is estimated at about \$9,500,000.

2. The total cost of construction of the Alouette II satellite was \$3,932,400, of which \$1,206,000 was paid to private contractors. The prime contractor was RCA Victor, Montreal with DeHavilland Aircraft Ltd. of Toronto as associate contractor.

3. The U.S.A. paid for the launching of Alouette II, hence the precise cost of the launching of Alouette II is not known to the Canadian government but it is estimated at about \$10,500,000.

4. Based on original estimates of \$200,000,-000 U.S., as made by the parties to the agreement signed at Washington on August 20, 1964, Canada's 3.5 per cent investment share in INTELSAT could increase to \$7,000,000 U.S., depending on the capital requirements for the system as it evolves. Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation is Canada's designated operating entity and its investment in the project as at September 30, 1968, amounted to \$4,025,484 Canadian.

5. See answer above.

6. Construction costs of the experimental communications satellite earth station at Mill Village amounts to \$11,785,240.95.

7. Yes, to a foreign entity, namely, the Communication Satellite Corporation, Washington, D.C.

8. As a temporary measure, pending the introduction of a new earth station in the U.S.A. which is now completed and the launching of a further satellite over the Atlantic Ocean in the near future, Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation, which has custody of the station, is leasing facilities at Mill Village to the Communications Satellite Corporation of the U.S. and, up to September 30, 1968, received rental on that account amounting to \$1,602,800 Canadian.

DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES PRESS RELEASES

Question No. 917—Mr. Howard (Skeena):

1. Does the Department of Fisheries issue documents which are of the nature of press releases, press communique, news releases or the like and, if so, how many such documents have been issued since July 1, 1968?

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2. What has been the cost of (a) printing headings or cover sheets (b) typing the stencils (c) mimeographing or other form of duplicating (d) collating and stapling (e) addressing and mailing the said documents?

3. With respect to the paper used for the said documents, what is (a) its quality (b) the quantity used and the cost thereof?

4. What is the estimate of the number of man-hours consumed in the preparation, production and distribution of such documents?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries): 1. Yes; 159.

2. (a) \$219.88; (b) nil; (c) \$176.64; (d) \$676.-74; (e) \$2,813.

3. (a) No. 7 bond; (b) 101,000 sheets at a cost of \$234.16.

4. 1170.

*CAPITAL MURDERS SINCE PASSAGE OF MEASURE

Question No. 938—Mr. Fairweather:

Since the Criminal Code amendment abolishing capital punishment for a five year trial period was assented to 21 December, 1967 (a) how many capital murders have been committed in Canada (b) how many persons have been sentenced to life imprisonment?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that murders are tabulated according to the year in which they are reported by the police to the bureau.

From December 21, 1967 to November 30, 1968 (latest date for which information is available), 233 murders were reported by police to the bureau. Two of these were capital murders involving the killing of police officers and have not yet been disposed of by the courts. Of the remaining 231 murders nine persons have been sentenced to life imprisonment, up to November 30, 1968.

AID TO OFFSET CAPITAL COSTS

Question No. 942—Mr. Robinson:

Is the federal government contemplating any direct financial aid to municipalities to offset the capital cost of (a) hospitals (b) facilities (c) equipment?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): No.

EDMOND JOLY, LOTBINIÈRE—PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

Question No. 971—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

Did the federal government, before September 1, 1967, make an offer of purchase to Mr. Edmond