

3. 5. 7. 8. NewStart Corporations are autonomous, non-profit companies set up under the provincial legislation of the provinces in which they operate and requests for information about their internal management and operations should therefore be made to the corporations.

6. None. Under the federal-provincial agreements by which NewStart Corporations are formed the Federal Government assumes responsibility for 100 per cent of the costs.

SEED POTATO MISSIONS TO CANADA

Question No. 2,405—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. What attempts have been made by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, to increase the number of seed potato missions to Canada in 1968, 1969 and 1970?

2. What countries has the Department invited or encouraged to visit seed potato areas in Canada?

3. Has consideration been given to sending seed potato missions for exporting purposes to countries outside Canada?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. The Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is sponsoring a Seed Potato Mission from Israel during the summer of 1969 and is considering the possibility of a mission to South America sometime during this fiscal year. In 1968 the Department sponsored a Seed Potato Mission from Romania. In 1968 the Department also arranged visits to Venezuela and Cuba by a Department of Agriculture expert to look into plant health problems in seed potato shipments. The Department's Trade Missions Programme for 1970 is presently under consideration.

2. The Department has invited a number of countries in which markets or potential markets for seed potatoes exist to send representatives to visit seed potato areas in Canada. The following have accepted: Greece, Argentina, Jamaica, Uruguay, Italy, Venezuela, Portugal, South Africa, Romania and Israel.

3. Yes.

CIVIL SERVICE REORGANIZATION

Question No. 2,429—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

Is the government considering reorganization of the Civil Service?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No.

ALBERTA AREA DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Question No. 2,437—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Did the following companies in Alberta qualify for grants under the Area Development Agency; Becker Manufacturing, Phillips Wire and Cable, Saratoga Gas and Oil and Imperial Oil Ltd.?

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2. If so, what was the amount of grant in each case?

3. In what year were the grants paid?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. One company only; Imperial Oil Limited.

2. It is expected that two grants of 5 million dollars each will be paid in respect of two separate facilities.

3. Not applicable.

SUBSIDY TO "LES MINES MADELEINE LIMITEE"

Question No. 2,443—**Mr. Cyr:**

1. Has the government paid, or promised to pay, a subsidy to "Les Mines Madeleine Limitée" of Ste-Anne-des-Monts, Quebec, through the Area Development Agency and, if so, what is the total amount of such subsidy or the sum paid?

2. Did the company ask for financial assistance in any form from government for the opening new mining industry in Gaspé and, if so, under what programme has this assistance been given?

3. On what date did any such subsidy begin and in what amount?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): 1. No.

2. No.

3. Not applicable.

TASKS ALLOTTED TO CANADIAN FORCES

Question No. 2,471—**Mr. Robinson:**

What are the specific tasks allotted to the Canadian Forces and what is the breakdown of forces for each task?

Mr. W. D. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence): At the present time, the specific tasks allotted to the Canadian Forces are as outlined in the White Paper on Defence, tabled in the House of Commons, in March 1964. The forces allotted to these tasks are as shown at pages 839-851, Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence No. 23, of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence, dated February 4, 1969.

*KINGSTON, ONT.—WINDOW WASHING CONTRACT

Question No. 2,475—**Mr. Hales:**

1. Did the Department of Supply and Services pay under contract the Acme Window Cleaners, Kingston, Ontario the sum of \$18,430 for the period May 12 to October 31, 1969 for window washing at the Canadian Forces Base, Kingston and, if so, for what reasons were Base personnel unable to perform such services?