

2. Will a report on such a study be laid before the House and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, on what date?

3. Will the government introduce a bill to provide for compensation for the victims of criminal acts?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): 1, 2 and 3. On May 15 and again on May 21, I stated, as recorded in *Hansard*, that I shall defer this matter to the commissioners of legislation uniformity and to the representatives of the provinces' Attorneys General.

ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES INFORMATION SERVICE

Question No. 2,488—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources provide an information service and, if so, what was the cost for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

2. How many publications and/or periodicals and/or information sheets and/or public releases were provided by the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive and what was the cost for each publication for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

3. How many copies of each publication are provided and to whom are they distributed and how is the distribution effected?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): 1, 2 and 3. The Public Relations and Information Services Branch of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources has a total staff of 42, which include 15 people working at public information on a full time basis. The remaining staff is concerned exclusively with the editing and production of scores of scientific and semi-technical reports intended for scientific and specialized audiences.

The information requested is not immediately available from departmental records, as it is not recorded separately. To obtain such information would require an extensive search of departmental files, in various branch distribution centres and many man hours of clerical work. It would also require the hiring of additional casual staff.

COST OF AIR CANADA MACHINISTS STRIKE

Question No. 2,497—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. What was the total cost to Canada of the recent Air Canada strike of machinists?

2. Has the government any knowledge of the total cost to the Union of the recent Air Canada strike and, if so, what was such total?

3. How many Air Canada employees were unemployed as a result of the recent Air Canada strike and how many of them were strikers?

4. What was the total loss in wages and other benefits to Air Canada employees other than strikers, as a result of the recent Air Canada strike?

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5. Has the government any knowledge of the amount of strike pay a striker received per week from (a) Canadian Union or Union Headquarters (b) International Union or International Union Headquarters (c) income from any other source and, if so, what amount or amounts?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by Air Canada and the Department of Labour as follows: 1. Air Canada has no information available on this.

2. It is assumed this question refers to the International Association of Machinists, and could only be procured from them directly.

3. 6,300 strikers were removed from the payroll and 5,000 other employees were placed on off-duty status without pay. In addition approximately 1,300 employees had their work week reduced in varying degrees; i.e. were put on part-time duty.

4. \$3,750,000.

5. (a) The government has no confirmed knowledge on amounts of strike pay received by strikers. Indications are, however, that all strikers, who were IAM members for six months or more, were eligible for strike pay of \$25 per week after a two-week waiting period. The strike pay is reputed to be paid out of an international strike fund to which all U.S. and Canadian IAM members contribute \$0.50 per month; (b) As in item (a) above; (c) The government has no knowledge of income strikers received from sources other than the strike fund.

ACTION TO WIND UP POWER AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES

Question No. 2,508—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. Has any action been taken upon the recommendations contained in paragraph 288 of the Auditor General's Report for 1968 that the Dawson City Water and Power Co. Ltd., the Davison Electric Light and Power Co. Ltd. and the Yukon Telephone Syndicate Ltd. be wound up and, if not, for what reason?

2. Does the government intend to alter the membership of the Northern Canada Power Commission, of which the above companies are subsidiaries?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Action was commenced in the fiscal year 1968-69, through the Department of Justice, to wind up the Dawson City Water and Power Company Limited, the Dawson Electric Light and Power Company Limited, and the Yukon Telephone Syndicate Ltd. It is expected this action will be completed in the current fiscal year.

2. No.