

## SS PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Question No. 2,065—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. What was the sale price of the *SS Prince Edward Island*?
2. What other tenders were received and what was the amount of each?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. \$20,000.

2. There were seven other tenders received in the amounts of \$400; \$555; \$3,000; \$3,700; \$5,300; \$7,125; \$10,150.

## DOWNSVIEW AERODROME

Question No. 2,071—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Has the municipality of North York made representations to take over the operation of the Downsview Aerodrome as a civil airport and, if so, what action is being taken?
2. Has the Department of National Defence agreed to sell the Downsview Aerodrome runways and certain other adjacent property to the municipality of North York?
3. Is the Minister of Transport prepared to licence the aerodrome as an airport and supply normal air traffic control services?
4. Will the Minister provide Transport departmental funds to help develop the Downsview Aerodrome as a civil airport?
5. Does the Minister consider that the operation of the Downsview Aerodrome as a civil airport will assist in solving the overall air facility problem in the Toronto area?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** In so far as the Department of National Defence is concerned: 1. Discussions have been held between North York and the Department of National Defence relative to the continuing operation of the Downsview Aerodrome. No decision has been taken on the future level or nature of civilian operation.

2. No.

In so far as the Department of Transport is concerned:

3. (a) Downsview Aerodrome can be licensed when and if it becomes a civil facility provided the present zoning protection is maintained. However, because of the geographical situation of Downsview as regards noise pollution, and because of other aviation facilities close by (Toronto International, Toronto Island and Buttonville Airports) the role of Downsview is foreseen as providing a limited facility for general aviation serving industry. (b) Air Traffic Control services can be provided should traffic conditions generated by

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the limited aviation activity envisaged at the airport warrant it at that time.

4. This will depend on the circumstances which exist when and if the aerodrome becomes a civil facility.

5. The degree to which the operation of Downsview Aerodrome will assist operations in the Toronto area will depend on the ultimate use which is made of it as a civil facility. However, bearing in mind its limited role, it is expected that the impact of the use of Downsview in the overall aviation plan for the Toronto area will be minimal.

## TRAINING OF PUBLIC SERVANTS IN GOVERNMENT LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

Question No. 2,082—**Mr. Moores:**

1. How many public servants have been trained in the government language training schools up to May 31, 1970 and, of these, how many have studied (a) French (b) English?
2. Excluding the regular salary of the trainee, what is the approximate cost per trainee?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. From 1963 to May 31, 1970, 17,324 employees subject to the Public Service Employment Act and other Federal officials and employees have been enrolled in French training and 4,367 in English training.

2. Excluding salaries, the cost of training is approximately \$1,000. per level and each employee normally completes one level in one year.

[English]

LIFT PROGRAM APPLICATION, H. A. OLSON

Question No. 2,091—**Mr. McIntosh:**

Has an application been received from H. A. Olson of Medicine Hat, under the provisions of the "Lift Program" and, if so, what are the details of such application?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Under the provisions of the Lift Program the application form and other documents associated with the program are considered to be privileged information between the farmer involved and the Department of Agriculture. It is therefore the policy of the Department not to divulge details of any producer's farm operations or information as to his eligibility for a payment under the regulations.