

CANEX—CFB GAGETOWN, N.B.

Question No. 186—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Was a contract let in September 1978 for the construction of the CANEX Building in the Army training area at CFB Gagetown, New Brunswick and, if so, was the lowest or second lowest tender accepted and, if not, for what reason?

2. What are the names of the companies which tendered on the project and what was the amount in each case?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes. The third lowest bidder, Modern Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract. The reason for accepting the third lowest bid was because of the earlier completion dated July 31, 79 offered with their bid, which was a full five months earlier than that offered with the lowest and second lowest bid. The decision was made based on a complete financial analysis of the effect of completion date on the base non-public fund picture forecast for these five months of operation, related to the difference in amount between the lowest and third lowest bid which was only \$10,275. There are no public funds involved in this project.

2. Atlas Construction Maritime Ltd.	\$2,327,725	December 30, 79
Diamond Construction (1971) Ltd.	\$2,333,000	December 31, 79
Modern Construction Ltd.	\$2,338,000	July 31, 79
A.C. Mallet and Fils Ltd.	\$2,417,727	September 30, 79
Simpson Construction Ltd.	\$2,449,350	September 30, 79
Richards & Ryan (Atlantic) Ltd.	\$2,486,781	November, 79

GRAIN HAULING—REPAIRS TO FREIGHT CARS

Question No. 213—**Mr. Jones:**

1. Will there be repairs made to large numbers of freight cars used in grain hauling? How many rail cars are being repaired?

2. Where will the repairs to these cars be made? List the yards and their location. What will be the cost of the repairs? Are there any plans to use the freight yards in Moncton, New Brunswick for any of these repairs?

3. How many new jobs will this work create? Will there be any new jobs created in Moncton, New Brunswick for this purpose and if so, how many and what are the job descriptions?

4. Will there be any CN employees or Transport Canada employees transferred from Moncton, New Brunswick to any other location and if so, how many? Will there be any CN employees or Transport Canada employees transferred to Moncton, New Brunswick for this project and if so, how many?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): 1. Yes, 1,000 boxcars.

2. Winnipeg, 300 cars light repairs at Symington Yard, Winnipeg, 700 cars heavy repairs at Transcona Shops, Winnipeg. The cost will be approximately \$6.5 million. There are no plans to use the CN facilities in Moncton, New Brunswick for this work.

3. This will create approximately 150 man-years of new jobs. Because of rearrangement of work this will create approximately 30 man-years of new jobs in Moncton, New Brunswick. The additional positions will all be for car-men.

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4. No CN or Transport Canada employees will be transferred either to or from Moncton, New Brunswick for this project.

DSS—INTERIOR LANDSCAPING

Question No. 345—**Mr. Howie:**

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 1978, what amount was spent on interior landscaping by the Department of Supply and Services?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Supply and Services): \$5,478.27.

COSMOS 954 SATELLITE

Question No. 423—**Mr. Epp:**

1. Has the search for debris from the U.S.S.R. satellite which crashed in Northern Canada been concluded and, if so, on what date?

2. How many days were spent in the search?

3. What was the total cost of the search?

4. Did the government request full reimbursement from the government of the U.S.S.R. of the full costs incurred in the search, and, if so, did the U.S.S.R. agree to pay such costs and, if not, what steps has the government taken to recover the costs?

Mr. Louis Duclos (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): In so far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned, the reply is as follows:

1. The search for debris from the Cosmos 954 satellite was concluded on October 15, 1978.

2. Two hundred sixty five days (January 24, 1978-October 15, 1978).

3. There is as yet no final figure for the total cost of the search since some costs remain to be determined.

4. Canada has informed the U.S.S.R. of its intention to present a claim. Under the 1972 convention on international liability for damage caused by space objects Canada has one year from the date of the satellite incident to present the claim.

GOLDEN REPORT

Question No. 467—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. What was the total cost of the Golden report?

2. Was the President of Telesat Canada chosen to write the report and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. \$5,463.59 (period March 28, 1977 to November 10, 1978).

2. Yes. Mr. Golden was asked to undertake the task because of his wide experience and proven capability in aerospace, in both the private and the public sectors. At his express request he was paid no fee for this assignment.