

Order Paper Questions

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UPDATING OF SNAVELY REPORT

Question No. 2,700—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. Is the government updating the study originally commissioned by the government to Mr. Carl Snavely into the actual costs of moving grain and, if so (a) what is the name of the person or firm hired to conduct the study (b) on what date did it commence and what is the expected completion date (c) what is the anticipated or final cost (d) in which year does the update apply?

2. Did the Prime Minister on February 13, 1981 state "We have made a decision not to deal with the Crowsnest Pass freight rates until there is a very strong demand from the representatives of western farm groups and other groups to touch the Crowsnest rates" and, if so, in light of the statement and in light of the government's current fiscal restraint program, for what reason is the government proceeding to contract out a study to update the actual costs of moving grain, which will touch upon the Crowsnest Pass freight rate?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Yes.

(a) Snavely, King, Harris and Associates, Inc.

(b) May 1, 1981—started; December 31, 1981—completion.

(c) \$155,500 (final cost).

(d) 1980.

2. Yes. In relation to western railway capacity and the railway financial situation it is important to have accurate, up-to-date figures on losses related to statutory grain rates. The current study will maintain the three-year update interval and will be directly comparable to the two previous studies. The study will also identify changes in railway system efficiencies that have occurred since 1977 update.

POST OFFICE IN MALLORYTOWN, ONT.

Question No. 2,989—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was a Post Office constructed in the village of Mallorytown in the constituency of Leeds-Grenville and, if so (a) on what date (b) what was the name and address of the contractor and the amount of the contract?

2. Were tenders advertised publicly and, if so, what were the names of all those who tendered and the amount of each tender?

3. Were tenders invited rather than publicly advertised and (a) if so (i) who decided the identity of those invited (ii) who submitted tenders and in what amount (b) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes.

(a) Contract was awarded February 23, 1968.

(b) Contractor: A.L. Strigley Construction, Ontario Street, Gananoque, Ontario

Contract amount: \$29,300.

2. Tenders were advertised publicly, and following is a list of tenders received in an answer to public advertisement:

Alfred Louis Strigley (A.L. Strigley Construction, Gananoque, Ontario, \$29,300; I.H. Bradley Construction Ltd., Prescott, Ont., \$35,915; Fort Construction & Equipment Ltd., Prescott, Ontario, \$37,500; Raymond Riis Construction, Brockville, Ontario, \$37,618; Baldock Engineering & Construction Ltd., Ottawa, \$39,747; D.C. Snelling Limited, Prescott, Ontario, \$40,178.

3. Not applicable—See part 2 above.

POST OFFICE IN DELTA, ONT.

Question No. 2,990—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was a Post Office constructed in the village of Delta in the constituency of Leeds-Grenville and, if so (a) on what date (b) what was the name and address of the contractor and the amount of the contract?

2. Were tenders advertised publicly and, if so, what were the names of all those who tendered and the amount of each tender?

3. Were tenders invited rather than publicly advertised and (a) if so (i) who decided the identity of those invited (ii) who submitted tenders and in what amount (b) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): 1. (a) Yes, a building was constructed as a built-lease project during fiscal year 1970-71.

(b) Kigiak Management & Development Company Limited, 88 Metcalfe Street, Suite 605, Ottawa, Ontario. \$6,060.60 rental per annum with a 15-year lease commencing June 1, 1971, with two five-year options.

2. Public tender call—date of opening: 1970-09-10. Only one offeror: Kigiak Management and Development Company Limited—\$6,060.60 rental per annum.

3. Not applicable—See part 2 above.

LOCK BOXES IN POST OFFICES

Question No. 3,004—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Does the government intend to extend the leases for box holders who had boxes in locked box lobbies closed during the 1981 postal strike for the same number of days as the length of the strike in order to compensate the box holders for money paid to the government for a service not available to them and (a) if so, on what date will this be announced (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Instructions were issued by Canada Post that leases for boxes in lock box lobbies closed during the 1981 postal strike were to be extended in accordance with the Manual of Financial Procedures, Part III, Chapter 19, paragraph 16 (2) (a) and (b), which are as follows:

16. "(2) In such cases the rental period may be extended

(a) by one month if the elapsed time is from 15 to 30 days' duration only; or

(b) by one month for each 30 days of elapsed time and an additional month for the remaining elapsed time, provided it exceeds 15 days."

(a) No announcement was necessary because all customers who qualified were given the above-mentioned extension.

(b) Not applicable.

MORTGAGE INTEREST COMPONENT IN CPI

Question No. 3,548—**Mr. McGrath:**

1. Is the mortgage interest component of the consumer price index based on a five-year moving average of mortgage interest rates?

2. Is Statistics Canada aware that a significant number of mortgages that have been taken out or renewed in the past five years have terms of less than five years?