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tive but this is no longer permissible and a five-car separation is required between these two commodities by order of the commission.

## VIA RAIL—PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION

**Question No. 140—Mr. Turner:**

1. Is the management of Via Rail Canada aware of any instances where persons were forced to stand on its trains due to the lack of seats and, if so (a) on what trains did the occurrences take place during the past year (b) did the occurrences take place on a regular basis such as once a week or more on any one train?

2. Has Via Rail Canada taken steps to try and alleviate this problem and, if so, what are they?

**Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. See table below.

2. Yes. Peak periods are identified and in practically all cases, enough seats are available.

## Overcrowding (Coach)

Train	Date	From	To	Reason
61	February 2/80	Montreal	Toronto	Extra coach not added to train due to lack of communications
72	December 29/79	Windsor	Toronto	No extra equipment available
53	January 2/80	Montreal	Toronto	Due to late arrival of trains 11 and 15 from Eastern Canada—train at limit
75	August 19/79	Toronto	London	Week-end peak travel—no extra equipment could be added—train at full limit
15	July 27/79	Halifax	Moncton	Peak travel—train at limit
78	March 13/80	Windsor	Toronto	Hockey tournament in Toronto—train at limit
55	March 23/80	Montreal	Toronto	March break—train at limit
35	March 23/80	Montreal	Ottawa	March break—train at limit
32	March 8/80	Ottawa	Montreal	March break—additional equipment not available

## VIA RAIL—INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

**Question No. 143—Mr. Turner:**

Does Via Rail Canada have an agreement with the railways whose track Via Rail trains travel over that involves incentive payments to the railways to keep Via Rail trains on time and, if so, what is the agreement and how are incentive payments determined?

**Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Via Rail Canada, Inc. has an agreement with the railways that provides for financial incentive payments to encourage the railways to improve train performance.

It is possible for the railways to earn up to 10 per cent of Via's gross revenues for improved train performance.

The incentive payments are determined by comparing present train performance to historical train performance which was generally based on the train performance under railway management for the period 1975 to 1977 inclusive.

## DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS—SX CLASSIFICATION

**Question No. 372—Mr. Herbert:**

1. As of March 31, 1979 (a) how many persons in the SX classification were employed by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (b) how many were (i) Francophones (ii) females?

2. What are the present totals?

3. Was there a structural change in the Department since March 31, 1979 and, if so, what effect did such a change have on the number of SXs employed?

**Miss Aileen Nicholson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Postmaster General):**

1. (a) 28
- (b) (i) 5
- (ii) 2
2. (a) 27
- (b) (i) 5
- (ii) 2

3. Hereunder is a list of the structural changes in the department since March 31, 1979.

- (1) The Bureaus of Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property were amalgamated, but this had no effect on the number of SXs employed as one of the two ADM positions was vacant at the time and has since been abolished.
- (2) Field operations was merged with Consumer Affairs Bureau. This reorganization had the effect of reducing the number of SXs employed by one with the elimination of the position ADM field operations.

## DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE—LAWYERS

**Question No. 620—Mr. Howie:**

How many lawyers are employed on staff in the Department of National Revenue?

**Mr. Yves Demers (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue):** There are no lawyers employed on staff in the Department of National Revenue. The Department of Justice has, however, assigned a total of 14 lawyers to provide the day to day legal counsel required by the customs and excise and taxation divisions of the department.

## ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL UIC OFFICE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

**Question No. 661—Mr. Howie:**

Since January 1, 1978, have studies taken place regarding the possible establishment of an unemployment insurance office in Oromocto, Minto, or an additional location in Fredericton, New Brunswick?

**Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):** The further extension of