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I am informed as follows:

a) Industry, Science and Technology Canada:

The total cost incurred to date by the Canadian Space Agency in relation to its relocation to St. Hubert is \$334,488.

Public Works Canada:

The Canadian Space Agency (CSA) is presently located in leased premises at 500 René-Lévesque Boulevard West in Montréal, in a building belonging to TRIZEC. The lease commenced January 1, 1991, and will terminate December 31, 1992, with two six-month options available.

The CSA occupies 2,744.6 m<sup>2</sup> (3,012.6 m<sup>2</sup>r) of office space spread out over several floors with nine interior parking spaces, at an annual cost of \$1,054,259.37. The Agency also occupies 50.2 m<sup>2</sup> (55.2 m<sup>2</sup>r) of storage space in the basement of the same building at an annual cost of \$7,672.14.

The total to Public Works Canada for the interior fit-up of the Agency was \$411,688.64.

b) National Energy Board:

The NEB estimates that the relocation of the Board's operations to Calgary will cost \$20.5 million. In addition, it is estimated that the department of Public Works will incur incremental cost of \$6 million to lease and fit-up office accommodations for the Board. Eighty-five per cent of these costs, or \$22.5 million, will be recovered through cost recovery charges.

The cost related to the relocation of that portion of the Board which was transferred from the Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration (approximately 15 per cent) will be excluded from cost recovery.

The actual costs incurred by the government will be some \$4 million.

**Question No. 61—Mr. Hovdebo:**

1. With respect to the CIDA funding cuts to contracts for (a) CUSO (b) OCSD (c) Canadian Teachers' Federation (d) Canada World Youth (e) Canadian Crossroads International (f) CECI (i) what specific criteria were used to select each organization for cuts (ii) were the organizations consulted concerning these cuts and, if not, why not, (iii) why were these contracts not honoured (iv) will the anticipated savings of the CIDA funds as a result of these cuts be placed in the ODA program reserve?

2. Does CIDA anticipate any further cuts to (a) the above noted organizations (b) other organizations?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 6 hours and 20 minutes

Approximate cost: \$115.

I am informed by the Canadian International Development Agency as follows:

1. i) CIDA has used the following criteria for each of the organizations mentioned:

—to make funds available to meet urgent new requests for official development assistance received or anticipated by the Government;

—to maintain support for the activities and programs identified as the main responsibilities of these organizations:

—not to jeopardize the viability of these organizations.

(ii) No, because decisions resulting from the tabling of the February budget and the March estimates could not be finalized until just before the 1991-92 fiscal year began. CIDA hastened to make them available to partner organizations as quickly as possible, that is, before the fiscal year was well under way.

(iii) CIDA does not have contracts with the NGOs mentioned, but rather contribution agreements. Multi-year contribution agreements between CIDA and Canada World Youth, Canadian Crossroads International, OCSD and the Canadian Teachers' Federation had to be amended owing to limited budgetary resources and the large number of new demands on official development assistance budget. Contribution agreements with CUSO and CECI had not yet been signed when the budgets for these organizations were announced. Furthermore, payments for multi-year contribution agreements are also subject to an appropriation by the Parliament of Canada for the fiscal year in which the payment is to be made.

(iv) The funds saved will be used to meet the new demands on the official development assistance budget.

2. a) No further reduction in CIDA's contributions to the organizations mentioned is planned in 1991-92.