

recommendations, federal-provincial co-operative action. At present an Official Languages Bill is before Parliament. Additional proposals were presented to the recent Constitutional Conference and there have been and will be meetings with the provinces to determine effective ways of implementing bilingualism programs across the country. Certain measures in this area can be taken by administrative action within the compass of existing legislation, as with the language training program in the Public Service on which the government has already embarked.

3. No.

P.E.I.—SHARED COST HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Question No. 1,580—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. What was the amount spent in cost-shared highway construction programs administered by the federal Department of Public Works in the Province of Prince Edward Island for each of the fiscal years from 1964-65 to 1968-69 inclusive?

2. What is the estimated amount to be spent in Prince Edward Island under such programs in the fiscal year 1969-70?

3. Is this amount included in the amounts proposed under the Comprehensive Development Plan?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Public Works and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as follows: 1. The total federal contributions under the cost-shared highway construction programs administered by the Department of Public Works, i.e., the Trans-Canada Highway Agreement, the Atlantic Development Board Trunk Highway program, and the Roads to Resources program of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, amounted to: 1964-65, \$1,623,074.10; 1965-66, \$2,408,205.80; 1966-67, \$2,097,770.79; 1967-68, \$3,799,904.18; 1968-69, \$3,055,166.00 (estimated).

2. The estimated amount for 1969-70 is \$1,813,878.

3. The Comprehensive Development Plan for Prince Edward Island shows no funds to be administered by the Department of Public Works.

P.E.I.—ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION PERSONNEL

Question No. 1,586—**Mr. MacLean:**

1. (a) Has the federal government agreed to pay part or all of the cost of salaries, living expenses,

etc. of persons employed by the Economic Improvement Corporation of Prince Edward Island (b) if so, what is the percentage of such cost to be borne by the federal government (c) is there a ceiling on the contribution to be made by the federal government and, if so, what is it?

2. (a) Has the federal government placed a ceiling on the number of persons employed by this Corporation and, if so, what is it (b) how many persons are employed by the Corporation at present (c) what is the salary range of persons employed by the Corporation?

3. Has the Economic Improvement Corporation of Prince Edward Island power to borrow money and, if so, are such loans guaranteed in any way by the federal government?

4. What amount was contributed by the federal government to the Economic Improvement Corporation of Prince Edward Island in each of the fiscal years to date?

5. What are the estimated amounts to be paid by the federal government to the Economic Improvement Corporation of Prince Edward Island in the fiscal year 1969-70?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. (a) Yes; (b) 100 per cent; (c) Yes; \$1,201,000 to March 31, 1969.

2. (a) No; (b) 92; (c) This information would have to be obtained from the Economic Improvement Corporation.

3. Yes. Loans are not guaranteed by the federal government.

4. 1967-68, \$117,000; 1968-69, \$1,084,000.

5. Payments will be made to the Province in respect of programs under the terms of the development agreement; there is no provision specifically for the Economic Improvement Corporation.

D.D.H. CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Question No. 1,627—**Mr. Forrestall:**

What was the original cost estimate including all components of the present DDH Construction Program and what is the present cost estimate including all components and sea trials?

Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): The first cost estimate for the D.D.H. Construction Program which brought together all its components was \$170,240,000 in September, 1966. The final estimated cost of the same program, unchanged during the past year, is expected to fall between \$220,000,000 and \$225,000,000.