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RESEARCH ON TRAFFIC SAFETY WARNING  
AND CONTROL DEVICES

**Question No. 114—Mr. Skoberg:**

1. Did the Minister of Transport call for public tenders throughout Canada for a contract into research on traffic safety warning and control devices and, if not, for what reason?

2. If public tenders were called, how many bids were received and from whom?

3. Were public tenders called throughout Canada for the evaluation of the effectiveness of safety campaigns awarded to Peat, Marwick and Company, of Toronto and, if not, for what reason?

4. If public bids were called, how many bids were received and who made the decision on the successful tender?

5. What firms, individuals or associations make up the Traffic Injury Research Foundation of Canada, Ottawa, that is preparing a study to review the type of knowledge in Canada concerning the role of alcohol in road vehicle safety?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. Public tenders were not called by the Department for providing research on traffic safety warning and control devices as public tenders are not considered an acceptable means of engaging professionals to provide expert services. In this case, five engineering consulting firms, known to possess the capability to undertake this project, were invited to submit proposals.

2. Although public tenders were not called, proposals were received from firms located in Montreal, Toronto, Willowdale and Edmonton.

3. Six consulting firms, known to possess the capability to undertake an evaluation of the effectiveness of safety campaigns, were invited to submit proposals. Proposals were received from five of those firms.

4. The successful firm was selected by a committee within the Department on the basis of the firm's appreciation of the problem, the proposed methods of investigation, time scheduling, costs, and experience of personnel in similar work.

5. Traffic Injury Research Foundation of Canada is a non-profit chartered foundation supported by donations including grants from the Department of National Health and Welfare and several Provincial Governments. Founding members include, among others, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Defence Research Board and Medical Research Council. Individual members include professionals from many disciplines.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—MAN-HOURS  
SAVED BY UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS

**Question No. 182—Mr. Robinson:**

How many man-hours have been saved as a result of the utilization of computers by the Department of National Defence during each year since computers have been used?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** It has not been possible to maintain meaningful estimates of the man-hours that have been saved as a result of the utilization of computers by the Department of National Defence during each year since computers have been used.

[Mr. Duquet.]

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—LAY-OFFS  
DUE TO UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS

**Question No. 183—Mr. Robinson:**

As a result of the use of computers by the Department of National Defence, how many employees have been (a) laid off (b) hired?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence):** No employee has been laid off as a direct result of the use of computers. Records are not maintained in a manner which would indicate the number of employees hired as a result of the use of computers.

HALIFAX AND YARMOUTH HIGHWAY SERVICE  
MAIL SERVICE

**Question No. 211—Mr. McCleave:**

1. What tenders have been received for the Halifax and Yarmouth H.S. mail service, by name and amount?

2. To whom was the tender awarded?

3. Who held the contract previously, for what length of time and for what amount?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):** 1. Howard L. Lowe, \$22,875; Charles W. Giffin, \$30,936; Peter Werenka, \$31,954; Casino Taxi Limited, \$34,183; Donald L. Lutz, \$35,400; John R. Fletcher, \$36,000; Arthur W. Armitage, \$37,156; Donald Spratt Smith, \$68,000; Robinson Bros. Express Ltd., \$73,489.

2. Charles W. Giffin.

3. J. R. Fletcher, five years, \$36,459 per annum.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE—MONTREAL  
EXPOS' BASEBALL TEAM

**Question No. 224—Mr. Saltzman:**

1. Has the Department of National Revenue ruled that the Montreal Expos' baseball team can depreciate the value of initial player contracts over a ten year period?

2. Is the total estimated cost allowed by the Department of National Revenue for deduction purposes estimated to be \$9 million and, if so, will the Montreal Expos' baseball team pay no tax each year on the first \$900,000 of their profit?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue):** 1 and 2. This information is confidential and cannot be divulged.

HALIFAX AND PORT HAWKESBURY HIGHWAY  
MAIL SERVICE

**Question No. 230—Mr. McCleave:**

1. What tenders have been received for the Halifax and Port Hawkesbury H. S. mail service, by name and amount?

2. To whom was the tender awarded?

3. Who held the contract previously, for what length of time and for what amount?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):** 1. James Hubert Beck, \$22,000; Peter Werenka, \$23,444; Edward N. Smith, \$23,972; Casino Taxi Ltd., \$25,080; John R. Fletcher, \$26,400; Arthur W. Armitage, \$27,261; Denton Roney Ehler, \$28,375; J. S. Culligan, \$29,265; Donald L. Lutz, \$33,000; J. E. San Cartier, \$36,000; J. S.