

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as follows: 1 and 2. Under the terms of a land acquisition and holding Agreement with the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation under Section 40 of the National Housing Act, CMHC approved the expenditure of \$111,750 (75 per cent of the estimated cost of acquisition), for the acquisition of 300 acres in the Elizabeth Street area of Corner Brook, Newfoundland. CMHC incurred costs of only \$37,575 under this Agreement for investigation of such items as need, location, anticipated costs and selling prices. The acquisition of the land was financed under Section 42, as follows: (a) A loan of \$671,730 was authorized on November 2, 1969 under Section 42 of the NHA to finance 90% of the cost of acquisition and servicing of 31.28 acres. (b) A loan of \$1,616,058 was authorized on October 22, 1974 under Section 42 of the NHA to finance 90% of the cost of acquisition and servicing of 54 acres. (c) A loan of \$2,149,851 was authorized on May 31, 1976 under Section 42 of the NHA to finance 90% of the cost of acquisition of 147 acres and of the servicing of 47 of these acres. Under the Canada/Newfoundland Second Special Areas Agreement, DREE provided funding for the "Upper Elizabeth Street Reconstruction and Water Reservoir" projects in the amount of \$602,663, on the basis of a 50 per cent contribution/loan ratio.

3. The above noted CMHC commitments state that "the borrower shall undertake and complete the project in accordance with its accepted application for loan." Where CMHC provides funding through loans under Section 42 of the NHA, the borrower has the responsibility for completion in accordance with specifications. DREE—Canada/Newfoundland Second Special Areas Agreement, signed August 9, 1971. DREE—Under the terms of the Agreement, a Federal/Provincial Management Committee was established to direct the implementation of the Agreement. The "Upper Elizabeth Street Reconstruction and Water Reservoir" projects were completed prior to December 1974, and deemed by the Management Committee to have been constructed in accordance with the prescribed specifications.

LETTER FROM CAPTAIN G. B. LANDIS

Question No. 2,782—Mr. Brisco:

1. Did the Office of the Prime Minister receive a letter from Captain G. B. Landis, 467 Earl Street, Kingston, Ontario, dated June 26, 1976 and, if so, was the Prime Minister advised of the substance of Captain Landis' recommendation?

2. Did the letter receive a substantive response to date and, if not, for what reason?

3. Did the Prime Minister or Secretary of State for Canada cause studies to be made of the language teaching method outlined therein known as alternating lingual communication and (a) if so, what have been the recommendations with respect to its use as an alternative to existing teaching methods (b) if not, for what reason?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Prime

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Minister's and the Privy Council Offices and the Department of the Secretary of State as follows: 1. (a) Yes; (b) No.

2. Mr. Landis' comments on language policy in this letter and a follow-up letter of July 13 were acknowledged by the Prime Minister's Office on September 20, 1976.

3. A study of the language teaching method proposed by Captain Landis was conducted by the Language Bureau of the Public Service Commission. It was concluded that the method did not fit the mandate for the teaching of a second language that the Language Bureau has received from Parliament.

MINISTER'S VISAS

Question No. 2,783—Mr. Jelinek:

How many ministerial visas were granted at (a) Vancouver International Airport (b) Toronto International Airport (c) Montreal Mirabel and Dorval Airports (d) other locations and ports of Canada in (i) 1972 (ii) 1973 (iii) 1974 (iv) 1975 (v) 1976?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Permits are issued by Ottawa and in the Regions by Minister's delegated authority and statistics are not maintained on a Port of Entry basis.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. BERNARD SUTET

Question No. 2,785—Mr. Jones:

1. Is there any regulation in the rules of the Public Service Commission requiring high ranking officials to be or to have the intention of becoming a Canadian citizen?

2. (a) Is Dr. Bernard Sutet a citizen of France (b) is he presently the Director of Economic Policy in the Policy Planning Office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission (c) what are his qualifications (d) was there an open competition for the position he presently occupies and, if not, was he appointed directly?

3. (a) For what position was he hired by the Department of Manpower and Immigration in 1968 (b) was the position advertised as an open competition or was he appointed to the position?

4. What special expertise does he have for high-ranking Public Service positions?

5. Is he required to become a Canadian citizen and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, has he refused?

6. (a) What is his salary (b) what is the amount of his expense allowance (c) what are his special privileges?

7. Is he allowed to sit in on Cabinet meetings and, if so, has he ever done so?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Employment and Immigration and the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. There is no requirement for any person appointed under the Public Service Employment Act to be or to have the intention of becoming a Canadian citizen. In appointments from outside the Public Service, however, a preference is given to Canadian citizens. Therefore, if both a citizen and a non-citizen are found qualified, the citizen is appointed before the non-citizen. In addition, all employees are required, upon appointment from outside the Public Service, to take and subscribe the oath or affirmation of allegiance and the oath or affirmation set out in Schedule III of the Public Service Employment Act (oath or affirmation of office and secrecy).