

Questions

[Translation]

Mr. Denis: This information is not readily available. Its compilation would necessitate a review of a great number of records and require undue labour and expense.

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RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE, WABUSH, NFLD.

Question No. 1,694—**Mr. Fisher:**

1. What Canadian radio or television broadcasting is available to residents of Wabush, Newfoundland?

2. Has either the Department of Transport or the B.B.C. entertained any applications for licenses from individuals or organizations seeking to establish such facilities in Wabush and, if so, what are the details, and what has followed from such applications?

Mr. McIlraith: 1. Wabush, Newfoundland, is outside of what is considered to be the normal service area of any Canadian sound or television broadcasting station.

2. See reply to part 1 of question No. 1,695 which was answered on November 27 (page 5154 *Hansard*). The application is now being dealt with by the Department of Transport for reference to the board of broadcast governors.

C.B.C. PROGRAMS RESPECTING "RENEGADE IN POWER"

Question No. 1,713—**Mr. Gundlock:**

1. How many interviews, reviews and panel shows have the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation organized in which the program material relates to Peter Newman's book "Renegade in Power", on (a) television stations (b) television networks (c) radio stations (d) radio networks?

2. With respect to each category of program, how much in fees has been paid or is owing to (a) Peter Newman (b) other participants?

Mr. Pickersgill: I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

1. (a) five; (b) three; (c) five; (d) one, as detailed below:

City of origin	T.V. station	Radio Network	Radio station	Network
Montreal	—	1	1	—
Ottawa	2	2	1	—
Toronto	—	—	2	1
Winnipeg	1	—	1	—
Vancouver	2	—	—	—
	5	3	5	1

2. It has not been customary to require the corporation to give information as it could affect the corporation in the competitive business in which it is engaged.

HOUSING CONDITIONS OF ESKIMOS

Question No. 1,714—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Have surveys been made of housing conditions available to the Eskimos of Canada's north and, if so, what percentage of the Eskimos are living in houses considered to be substandard and detrimental to the health of the occupants?

[Mr. Latulippe.]

2. Has any federal government department made plans for an aggressive program of building new housing accommodation for Eskimos designed to check the serious health hazards caused by inadequate housing?

Mr. Laing: 1. Yes. As of March 31, 1963, it is estimated that about 2,000 Eskimo families were in need of better housing. The total Eskimo population is estimated at 12,000.

2. Yes, (a) through departmental initiative, since 1959, some 400 houses have been sold to Eskimos, and some 300 provided to other Eskimo families who are unable to pay for such houses; (b) a continuing program to improve designs and techniques of construction has cut costs and provided Eskimos with better houses for less money; (c) water and sewer services have been improved as part of a continuing program to provide adequate sanitary facilities.

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION GRANTS—REPRESENTATIONS OF SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP

Question No. 1,718—**Mr. Scott:**

1. Did the Prime Minister receive a letter, dated November 2, 1963, from the clerk of the township of Scarborough requesting the Prime Minister's help in arranging an appointment with the Minister of National Health and Welfare to discuss the matter of hospital construction grants?

2. Has the said meeting been arranged and, if so, when will it take place?

3. If the meeting has already taken place, what was the nature of the government's response to the representations of the representatives of the township of Scarborough?

Mr. Pearson: 1. Yes.

2. Yes, December 18, 1963.

3. Not applicable.

EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE

Question No. 1,719—**Mr. Scott:**

1. Is the government presently reviewing its export finance and insurance machinery and, if so, along what lines is the review being conducted?

2. Have there been requests that the provisions of the export credits insurance corporation be applied to transactions under \$2,000,000 and, if so (a) how many such requests have there been (b) what products were covered (c) who made the requests, and (d) what was the nature of the government's replies?

3. What amount of export insurance was handled by private insurance companies in 1960, 1961, 1962 and 1963 to date, and what ratio does this bear to export insurance handled by the export credits insurance corporation?

4. Has the government given consideration to providing export credit insurance to exports to the U.S.A. and, if so, what was the nature of such considerations?

Answer: 1. Export Credits Insurance Corporation continually reviews its export finance and insurance machinery. This is also reviewed by interdepartmental committees and ministers are kept informed of any changes which might be required.