

study group is presently examining the implications of the termination of the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act which expires on December 31, 1970. A decision concerning the renewal of the Act will be made after the report of the study group is received in the early summer of 1970.

OTTAWA UNION STATION—COST OF RENOVATION

Question No. 230—Mr. Peters:

1. How much is the Government of Canada spending on the renovation of the old Ottawa Union Station?
2. What are the annual rent costs to the Government of Canada of the old Ottawa Union Station?
3. When was the decision to renovate the Ottawa Union Station taken?
4. When did the Prime Minister issue guidelines to the government departments regarding future expenditures?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1. Approximately \$625,000 according to current planning.

2. The building is Crown-owned and is leased by National Capital Commission to the Department of Public Works for \$1.00 per annum.

3. August 29, 1969.
4. August 13, 1969.

DAIRY INDUSTRY—MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

Question No. 233—Mr. Gleave:

1. When is it anticipated that the program designed to encourage the modernization of dairy processing and manufacturing plants initiated by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce will be implemented?
2. When was this program first developed?
3. When was it mentioned in the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce's annual report?
4. How many civil servants and outside consultants were involved in the preparation of this program?
5. What is the estimated cost, including salaries, in the preparation of this program?
6. Why was this program delayed implementation during the last fiscal year?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. It is felt that implementation will be dependent on two main considerations: (a) The recommendations of a dairy industry advisory committee, made up of senior executives of the National Dairy Council, which has been asked to review the

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proposed program and advise the Department on the degree by which the industry is prepared to support the program; (b) The priority the Government is able to give such programs.

2. The program was developed as a result of a study initiated in 1965 and completed late in 1967.

3. In the Department of Industry's Annual Reports of 1965 and 1966.

4. Several civil servants were involved, totalling an estimated one-man year and one outside firm of consultants.

5. Approximately \$45,000.

6. Within the fiscal limitations of the Department, it was not possible to give this program a priority which would have allowed implementation in the 1968/69 fiscal year.

PUBLIC SERVICE PAY INCREASES

Question No. 272—Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):

1. What was the date of the last general salary and wage increase granted to the Public Service of Canada prior to April 1, 1963, its effective date, and what was the percentage increase?

2. From April 1, 1963 to date, what have been the dates (both of publication and coming into force) of any general salary and wage increases for the Public Service of Canada and what was the average percentage increase for each such increase (for the period during which collective bargaining has been in force—a general average rate is suitable)?

3. What cumulative average percentage increase does the salary and wage level in the Public Service of Canada as at present date reflect when compared to the relative salary and wage level of April 1, 1963?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1. Prior to April 1, 1963, salary and wage increases in the Public Service of Canada were not granted on a general basis. They were granted on a cyclical basis by employee group and the last cyclical increases granted were as follows: On December 5, 1962, the group of employees, now known as the Administrative and Foreign Service and Administrative Support Categories, received a pay increase of 3.4 per cent retroactive to October 1, 1961. On July 9, 1963, a pay increase of 7 per cent retroactive to October 1, 1962, was granted to the group of employees now known as the Operational and Technical Categories. The weighted average increase in rates of pay of the employees in the above Categories was 5.7 per cent.