

TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK IN ZAIRE

Question No. 2,100—Mr. Beaudoin:

1. On what date did CIDA award to Sintec the contract for construction of a telecommunication network in Zaire?
2. Was the contract awarded within the framework of public tenders?
3. What other corporations tendered for the contract and at what cost?
4. Who was responsible for making the decision concerning the contract?
5. Who were the signatories of the contract?
6. What researches, analyses or investigations were made in order to ascertain the skill of the corporation and its members before awarding them the contract?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. No contract was ever granted by CIDA to SINTEC Corporation for a telecommunications project in Zaire entered directly into a contract for a telecommunications network project—financed by a Canadian loan—with Cartier Engineering of Montreal, which set up a consortium for the purpose with two other companies Sintec Limited of Montreal, and Hoyles Niblock International of Vancouver.

2. Yes—the contract was awarded within the framework of normal proposals.

3. The three consortia of consultants who submitted proposals were as follows: Demers, Gordon, Baby Ltd. and SNC Ltd., both of Montreal associated with Intel Consultants Ltd. of Ottawa; Brunelle, Lambert and Associates Ltd. of Montreal associated with Lamarre, Valois International Ltd. of Montreal; Cartier Ltd., Montreal; Hoyles Niblock International, Vancouver Sintec Ltd., Montreal; The last group which included Sintec submitted the best proposal and was awarded the contract for \$6 million.

4. The proposals were evaluated independently on behalf of the government of Zaire by the Department of Communications of Canada and a CIDA team which included a representative engineer from Zaire.

5. The signatories to the contract were the government of Zaire and Cartier Ltd. as Manager of the consortium.

6. All three members of the consortium had registered with CIDA and provided details, brochures, and curriculum vitae of their companies and personnel. Both Cartier Ltd. and Hoyles Niblock International had performed satisfactorily on previous contracts in CIDA's programs. Hoyles Niblock had also worked abroad commercially with very satisfactory results.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN NUMBER OF PIECES OF MAIL HANDLED BY POST OFFICE

Question No. 2,140—Mr. Herbert:

For the past ten years, what has been the annual percentage change in the number of pieces of mail handled by the Post Office Department?

Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): The following percentage change has been based on originating mail volume data as published in the Postmaster General Annual Reports. Fiscal year 1964-65, 12 per cent; 1965-66, 5 per cent; 1966-67, 7 per cent; 1967-68, 2 per cent; 1968-69, 1 per cent; 1969-70, 3 per cent;

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1970-71, 5 per cent; 1971-72, 4 per cent; 1972-73, 1 per cent; 1973-74, 7 per cent.

SEWAGE TREATMENT LOANS, 1973-74

Question No. 2,206—Mr. Marshall:

1. In regard to loans and grants for construction of sewage collection and treatment systems, what is the breakdown, by province, of the (a) 294 loans and the amount of \$159,854,000 for 1974 (b) 309 loans and the amount of \$170,670,000 for 1974?

2. In the Province of Newfoundland, by municipality, what is the breakdown of such amounts?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): I am advised by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows:

Table 1

1. Loans Approved for Municipal Sewage Treatment Projects⁽¹⁾, by Province, 1973 and 1974

Province	1973		1974	
	Projects	\$000	Projects	\$000
Newfoundland	5	237	7	2,365
Prince Edward Island	4	1,469	7	1,771
Nova Scotia	28	8,052	25	5,187
New Brunswick	12	3,476	17	7,248
Quebec	35	10,126	98	74,260
Ontario	115	90,961	119	87,082
Manitoba	10	1,855	25	7,962
Saskatchewan	15	1,839	15	2,066
Alberta	47	14,561	46	8,452
British Columbia	21	27,159	32	21,367
Northwest Territories	2	119	—	— ⁽²⁾
Yukon	—	—	—	—
Canada	294	159,854	391	217,754

⁽¹⁾ Data are net.

⁽²⁾ Reduction in a loan initially approved in an earlier year.

Table 2

2. Loans Approved for Municipal Sewage Treatment Projects⁽¹⁾ Newfoundland, 1973-1974

Locality	1973		1974	
	Projects	\$000	Projects	\$000
Newfoundland	5	299	7	2,135
Metropolitan Area				
St. John's	1	55	1	1,346
Census Agglomerations				
Carbonear	—	—	—	—
Grand Falls	—	—	—	—
Happy Valley	—	—	—	—
Labrador	—	—	—	—
Urban Centres (Population 5,000 +)				
Channel-Port-aux-Basques	—	—	—	—
Corner Brook	—	—	—	—
Gander	—	—	1	382
Stephenville	—	—	—	—
Wabana	—	—	—	—