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STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Starred Question No. 403. I ask that the response be printed in *Hansard* as if read.

[Text]

SUPERMAILBOXES

*Question No. 403—Mr. Saint-Julien:

Has the Canada Post Corporation installed a supermailbox at a distance greater than 600 feet from the customer living the furthest distance from the supermailbox in the area served and, if so, was the distance between (a) 600 and 625 feet (b) 626 and 650 feet (c) 651 and 675 feet (d) 676 and 700 feet (e) 701 and 725 feet (f) 726 and 775 feet (g) 776 and 800 feet (h) 801 and 825 feet (i) 826 and 850 feet (j) 851 and 875 feet (k) 876 and 900 feet (l) 901 and 925 feet (m) 926 and 975 feet (n) 975 and 1,000 feet (o) greater than 1,000 feet?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): In 1985, Canada Post Corporation developed and announced its delivery policy including the use of community mail boxes (supermailboxes) as the equipment and mode of delivery that would be used in situations that would previously have gone to door to door delivery. The distance between customers served by the community mailbox and the equipment was established at 600 feet or 180 meters. Generally, this practice has been implemented for the largest majority of the 600,000 customers who are on the service as of 1990/91.

There are, however, circumstances where the Corporation cannot stay within the criteria due to the layout of the subdivision or municipality. In these cases, if Canada post stayed with the criteria it would result in the boxes being placed where they were in full frontal view of several homes on the same side of the street. In these circumstances Canada Post has moved the boxes to the ends of crescents or some distance away to a place where it could find a piece of property that would accommodate the box on easement without imposing on the homeowners adjacent to the equipment. There have been other circumstances where Canada Post has been petitioned by customers to move the boxes to another location and who agreed that they didn't mind walking the extra distance.

In other circumstances Canada Post has taken the initiative and surveyed its customers. In still other circumstances municipalities have asked the Corporation to place the boxes in certain situations which exceeded the 600 foot criteria and Canada Post has solicited and received the support of the customers involved. In urban

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centers where the Corporation has put such exceptions into service, generally, the customers don't have to walk any more than an additional 300 feet to their community mailbox. In all cases, the Corporation has entered into discussions with the municipal representatives of those serviced by the community mailboxes.

Where Canada Post has placed community mailboxes in cluster sites in suburban and rural settings, in most cases, a portion of the customers reside more than 600 feet from the equipment and therefore have to travel greater distance.

These exception have occurred in a number of cities and towns from coast to coast, in most provinces. Canada Post has endeavored to consistently apply the criteria. However, the Corporation has had to remain flexible in situations where it served the municipality, its customers or its approach to installation in a more practical fashion than sticking rigidly to the standard.

The specific information requested is not available.

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Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call Motion for the Production of Papers No. P-25.

DPA GROUP, INC.

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all documents related to the report prepared by DPA Group, Inc., entitled "A Study on the Reduction of Energy-related Greenhouse Gas Emissions", referred to in the House by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources during Question Period on Friday, May 4, 1990.

Mr. Cooper: Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion for Production of Papers P-25 in the name of the hon. member for Skeena is acceptable to the government, subject to the usual reservations concerning confidential documents.

In response to this motion, the government is tabling excerpts from all major documents relating to the report prepared by DPA Group Inc. entitled, "A Study on the Reduction of Energy-related Greenhouse Gas Emissions".