

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of National Revenue and Public Works as follows: 1. (a) May 1, 1925. (b) May 15, 1969.

2. (a) There were no lease costs as the space occupied was in a Crown-owned Building. The estimated cost of utilities for the 714 sq. ft. of space occupied between the period May 1, 1925, to May 15, 1969, is as follows: 1925 to 1935, \$150 per year; 1936 to 1946, \$200 per year, 1947 to 1957, \$225 per year; 1958 to 1968, \$250 per year; 1969, \$40 per year. (b) Records of salaries from 1925 to 1945 inclusive are not available. Salaries paid from 1946 to 1969 were as follows: 1946, \$1,280; 1947, \$2,580; 1948, \$2,760; 1949, \$2,760; 1950, \$3,108; 1951, \$3,108; 1952, \$3,340; 1953, \$3,600; 1954, \$3,600; 1955, \$3,600; 1956, \$3,900; 1957, \$4,170; 1958, \$4,170; 1959, \$4,170; 1960, \$4,720; 1961, \$4,770; 1962, \$4,950; 1963, \$5,100; 1964, \$5,100; 1965, \$5,370; 1966, \$5,624; 1967, \$6,024; 1968, \$6,446; 1969, \$2,646. (c) Four individuals were employed during that period: R. E. Hanson, May 1, 1925—May 31, 1931; Alexander McAskill, June 1, 1931—August 31, 1950; A. D. Foster, September 1, 1950—March 29, 1953; A. Scollick, March 30, 1953—May 15, 1969.

3. May 6, 1974.

4. The cost for service on the Zenith number was \$2,221.13 for the whole Province of Alberta. No figures are available to show the cost for service for Drumheller, Alberta. The Zenith number was discontinued February 28, 1975.

5. Residents in and around Drumheller can obtain alternate service from the Customs and Excise office in Calgary.

#### CRIME IN MONCTON, N.B.

**Question No. 3,142—Mr. Landers:**

1. How many inmates have been incarcerated in Dorchester Penitentiary since January 1, 1970?

2. (a) Of what crime or crimes were they convicted (b) what length of sentence was imposed in each case?

3. How many incarcerated in Dorchester since January 1, 1970 (a) were convicted in Saint John, New Brunswick (b) were not convicted in the Atlantic Provinces (c) had previous records (d) had previously been sentenced to penitentiary terms?

4. (a) Of what crime or crimes were those from outside Atlantic Canada convicted (b) what sentences were imposed?

5. In what location were those convicted outside Atlantic Canada paroled upon release since January 1, 1970?

6. What correlation is there between an increase in crime generally and drug related and violent crime specifically in Moncton, New Brunswick, and parolees from Dorchester Penitentiary who had been convicted outside (a) Moncton (b) Atlantic Canada?

7. How many inmates of Dorchester have escaped since January 1, 1970 and, of these, how many have been convicted of crimes during their escape?

8. How many have been convicted of offences (criminal or drug related) subsequent to their release from this maximum security penitentiary since January 1, 1970?

9. How many parolees have been convicted of offences (criminal or drug related) subsequent to their release from this maximum security penitentiary since January 1, 1970?

10. How many have been paroled against the wishes of the staff of Dorchester since January 1, 1970?

11. Since January 1, 1965, what has been the annual (a) capital cost (b) repair cost in relation to Dorchester Penitentiary?

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12. Of the total inmates incarcerated in Dorchester since January 1, 1970, what percentage of each of their total sentences had been served prior to them being paroled or transferred elsewhere?

13. Since January 1, 1970, how many (a) inmates (b) staff of Dorchester Penitentiary have been treated medically for injuries (c) how many of these injuries resulted in charges being laid?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of the Solicitor General and Statistics Canada as follows: 1 to 5 and 7 to 13. The information requested is not readily available to provide an answer to these questions. A response to these questions would require a file search of approximately 5,000 files and would involve the employment of one person for approximately 44 weeks or the equivalent of approximately \$12,000 in salary. In view of the above, the government does not feel justified in undertaking such a search.

6. The information required to answer this question is not readily available as relationships would have to be made between police reports on crime occurrences, court returns on persons convicted and correctional data on parolees. Statistics Canada does not currently possess the facility to relate these series.

#### REVENUE YIELD OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX

**Question No. 3,190—Mr. Reynolds:**

1. How much revenue has been derived from the capital gains tax since its inception?

2. What are the estimates in revenue from the capital gains tax for the year 1975?

**Mr. Jacques-L. Trudel (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance):** 1 and 2. On the basis of published data concerning 1972 and 1973 personal income tax returns, it is estimated that revenues from taxation of capital gains were approximately \$40 million and \$75 million for the 1972 and 1973 taxation years respectively. Data are not yet available for the 1974 and 1975 taxation years. It is not government policy to provide forecasts of government revenues from a subcomponent. (e.g. capital gains) of a tax.

#### CONTRACTS FOR OFFICE PLANTS, NATIONAL MUSEUMS

**Question No. 3,231—Mr. Coates:**

1. Was the contract for office plants, flowers, decorative plants, etc., and their maintenance on behalf of the National Museums subject to tendering and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, who was asked to submit a bid and what was the amount in each case?

2. How much was spent on the original purchase of plants and flowers?

3. How much additional money is spent annually on the (a) purchase (b) maintenance of all plants and flowers?

**Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State):** I am informed by the National Museums of Canada as follows: There were four contracts placed for plant maintenance during the fiscal year 1975-76. The first one was subject to tendering. 1. (a) Only one firm was asked to quote on the second, third and fourth contracts because it is apparent that this service is only available from limited sources and past experience has indicated that it is in the best interests of the Corporation to renew previous contracts which have proven satisfactory.