

Questions

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Imperial Oil Limited.

2. (a) and (b) Equipment is not specifically allotted to individual airlines. Available equipment is as follows:—2, 7,000 gallon trailers supply JP 4 fuel; 1, 7,000 gallon trailer supplies JP 1 fuel; 1, 2,000 gallon trailer spare; 1, 4,000 gallon trailer supplies 115 Octane Avgas.

3. Not in so far as the Department of Transport is concerned.

MAINTENANCE COST OF CERTAIN AIRDROMES

Question No. 1,747—**Mr. Forrestall:**

What is the annual total operating cost to the Department of Transport of maintaining each of the following aerodromes (a) Lac Des Loups (b) La Macaza (c) Bonnechere (d) Muskoka (e) Earlton?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The latest available figures, fiscal year 1965/66 are: (a) Lac Des Loups \$18,622; (b) La Macaza, Nil; (c) Bonnechere, \$19,032; (d) Muskoka, \$26,218; (e) Earlton, \$52,134.

SHORTAGE OF COMMERCIAL PILOTS

Question No. 1,748—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Is there a shortage of commercial air pilots in Canada?

2. Will the government consider having the Canada Student Loans Act amended in order to permit those citizens, intent on making commercial air piloting their profession, to be eligible for government loans?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Departments of Transport and Finance as follows: 1. The situation in this regard fluctuates from time to time but at the present time a shortage exists.

2. The Canada Student Loans Act authorizes the Minister of Finance to guarantee loans to students in need of financial assistance. The loans themselves are made, however, by branches of the chartered banks and by designated credit unions across the country, and only to students to whom certificates of eligibility have been issued by the appropriate authorities of participating provinces. A measure of this nature in order to be effectively administered, must be general in its scope. The act was designed to assist that large body of students who wish to carry on university and other regular forms of post-secondary education. To this end, the act applies only to students who are engaged

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in post-secondary educational courses and in courses that last throughout an academic year of not less than 26 weeks. While the benefits of the act are available to the large majority of students, it could not be designed to incorporate many special and deserving courses. An amendment specifically to make pilot training eligible is not considered to be appropriate in these circumstances.

FLIGHT DIVERSIONS, HALIFAX AIRPORT

Question No. 1,752—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Have any intended international landings been diverted from Halifax international airport during the next two months and, if so (a) how many (b) for what reason were these flights diverted (c) what action has been taken, or will be taken, to correct the reasons for the diversions (d) was there any discussion regarding such diversions either before or after a decision to divert from Halifax was taken between Eagle-Lion and the Department of Transport?

2. If there were discussions, was any reference made to the adequacy of refuelling services by either the responsible government authority or the affected airline authority?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. The following intended international landings diverted from Halifax international airport as reported by Allied Aviation, New York are (a) five (b) three diversions on account of refuelling times, one diversion due flight plan change (no reason given), one diversion due weather, (c) Imperial Oil has already taken appropriate action to ensure adequate availability of fuelling trailers at all times at Halifax international airport (d) no.

2. No discussions re refuelling services.

*REPRESENTATION AT HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

Question No. 1,756—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. Has the government received a request from the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs regarding appointments to the planning committee of the Canadian conference on human rights that approximately one half of the membership should be women?

2. Has the government agreed to this reasonable request?

Mr. Albert Béchard (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): 1. The president of the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs wrote to all members of the government on June 17 asking that women be represented, and I quote:

—in proportion to their numbers in the total population—

—on any such planning committee.