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[English]

#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION SERVICES

Question No. 418—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Is it the intention of the government to (a) take measures to improve the efficiency of services to claimants by the Unemployment Insurance Commission office in Kingston, Ontario (b) take steps to improve the public relations of the office (c) establish Zenith phone service so that claimants served by the office can telephone from their places of residence toll free?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** (a) The Unemployment Insurance Commission Office in Kingston has already improved the efficiency of its services to claimants by: (i) providing in-person claims taking facilities; (ii) Increasing the number of its insurance officers, examiners and inquiries clerks. (b) the public relations program in the Kingston Office is being strengthened by the addition to the staff of a full-time Public Liaison Officer. (c) Zenith phone service is not being considered at this time because of the availability of Canada Manpower Centres in Brockville, Picton, Gananoque, Napanee and Trenton with direct telephone lines to the Kingston District Office.

#### POST OFFICE, STOUFFVILLE, ONTARIO

Question No. 441—**Mr. Stevens:**

1. Has the government any immediate plans to build a new post office in Stouffville, Ontario and, if so (a) do they now own the site on which they plan to build the post office (b) on what date does the government intend to call tenders if they have not already done so (c) on what date do they anticipate the post office will be completed (d) what do they plan to do with the present post office facility?

2. If the government does not plan to build the post office does it plan to rent a suitable building and, if so (a) have rental arrangements been completed (b) what is the name of the lessor (c) on what date do they anticipate the post office will be ready for occupancy?

3. Does the government plan to commence door to door mail carrier service in Stouffville and, if so, on what date and, if not for what reason?

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Public Works and the Post Office Department as follows: 1. Yes. (a) The new site is not yet owned by the Crown and

has still to be selected and acquired. (b) Tentative plans are for May 15, 1973. (c) February, 1974. (d) No plans at present.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not at this time, because the basic requirement of at least 2,000 potential points of call concentrated in a well developed area has not yet been reached.

#### RELOCATION OF RAILWAY PROJECTS

Question No. 448—**Mr. Hueglin:**

1. Have any relocation of railway projects been funded in whole or in part in the years 1970, 1971, 1972 and, if so (a) where did these projects take place (b) what was the cost of each one (c) what was the federal contribution to each one?

2. What is the maximum federal contribution for these projects under existing legislation?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** 1. The following railway relocation projects have been approved since 1970: Brandon, Manitoba. Relocation of transfer track approved by Order No. R-11405 dated April 6, 1971. The actual cost of the project was \$82,484.65 and \$65,987.72 was paid from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund; Woodstock, Ontario. Removal of CNR's Hickson Spur was approved by Order No. R-13076 dated November 18, 1971. The estimated cost of this project is \$114,000 and a commitment of \$48,000 was authorized from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund; Guelph, Ontario. Relocation of the CNR's Guelph City Spur was approved by Order No. R-13582 dated February 10, 1972. The estimated cost of this project is \$64,500 and a commitment of \$36,000 was authorized from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund.

2. Under existing legislation the maximum contribution that could be made is 80 per cent of the actual cost or \$500,000 for each project.

#### BEEF IMPORTS

Question No. 496—**Mr. Beaudoin:**

Since 1970, did Canada import beef and, if so (a) in what quantities (b) from what countries (c) at what price?

[Translation]

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada reports that: (a), (b) and (c). Statistics on the imports of beef for the years 1970, 1971 and eleven months of 1972 are provided in the table below. Figures are not yet available for December 1972.

#### BEEF, FRESH OR FROZEN

Country	1970			1971			Jan-Nov. 1972		
	cwt	\$'000	\$/cwt	cwt	\$'000	\$/cwt	cwt	\$'000	\$/cwt
United Kingdom.....	6	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—
Australia.....	505,978	23,159	45.77	221,911	11,984	56.55	459,415	27,746	60.39
New Zealand.....	733,308	31,021	42.30	611,470	28,237	46.18	469,877	26,555	56.51
United States.....	58,071	8,020	138.11	175,282	16,206	92.43	236,580	23,623	99.85
TOTAL.....	1,297,363	62,200	47.94	1,008,670	56,427	54.95	1,165,872	77,924	66.83