

- (a) February 1, 1977  
 (b) 5Kw to 50Kw.
2. No general answer can be given to this question since it depends on such factors as directional radiation patterns, frequency of the station, ground conductivity and tower height. Also, because of propagation characteristics after dark, most stations alter their broadcast pattern in the evening, as required under international agreement, to protect the coverage area of other stations.
3. (a) The CBC is aware that CBO does not provide an adequate signal in the area of Brockville.  
 (b) Because of the necessity to protect the coverage area of existing stations on the same frequency, CBO could not be designed to cover the Brockville area.  
 (c) CBC has constructed an FM transmitter near Brockville which is expected to go into service as soon as signal interference problems are largely resolved. This transmitter will carry the same programming as CBO.
4. Some complaints have been received from people in the Brockville area about lack of reception generally, not specifically about "The World at Eight" and "The World at Six".

## CBC—CBO—MR. JOHN McGRATH

Question No. 67—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is Mr. John McGrath a staff member of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation at station CBO and, if so (a) is he with the news department (b) on what date did he join the staff (c) is he on six months probation (d) what are the qualifications which lead him to receiving the job (e) what are his duties?
2. To the knowledge of the government, was Mr. McGrath refused entry to the United States on at least two occasions and, if so, for what reasons?
3. Did Mr. McGrath at one time work for the program "CBO Morning" and did he do research on the opening of mail by the RCMP and, if so (a) did any of his research concern the Octopus Book Store of Ottawa (b) is such research material still in existence and, if not, was it destroyed and for what reason?

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** 1. To be answered elsewhere.

2. This question should be directed to the immigration and naturalization service of the United States Government.

3. To be answered elsewhere.

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation:

1. Yes.  
 (a) Yes.  
 (b) October 29, 1979.
2. To be answered elsewhere.
- 1(c), (d), (e), 3(a), (b).

The circumstances and terms of Mr. McGrath's employment and assignments as an individual CBC employee are among those details of internal management and administration which Parliament has not, as a matter of

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custom, required the CBC to provide. The background of this custom was explained in detail in the reply to question No. 2,530, May 22, 1975.

## CBC—ENGLISH AND FRENCH STATIONS—CONSTITUENCY OF LEEDS-GRENVILLE

Question No. 71—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What was the total amount of public funds spent in establishing CBC FM English and French transmitting stations in the Constituency of Leeds-Grenville near Maitland, Ontario?
2. Did CBC engineers find that the operation of such stations interfered with radio and television reception by persons in the area and, if so (a) were many complaints received (b) did tests in the past eight months show any improvement in the situation?
3. What are the future plans for the stations?
4. Are the stations inoperative at present and will they continue to be and, if so, what will be done with them?

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. Five hundred and twelve thousand dollars.

2. (a) Approximately 100 complaints were received because a number of weak FM signals (Radio & Television) in the area were affected when the CBC FM transmitters were tested. The transmitters were installed to replace CBC service formerly provided by a local affiliate, to strengthen inadequate AM coverage areas and to provide a basic French language service for the area.

CBC/DOC tests have established that the CBC signals are in conformity with DOC standards and consistent with the provisions of the licence issued by CRTC.

(b) No.

3. The stations will go on the air as soon as the signal interference problems are largely resolved. CBC will shortly be making available to area residents technical advice on possible remedies to reduce or eliminate the interference.

4. The stations are inoperative at present. See answer to (3).

## HULL, QUE.—CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS

Question No. 117—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. In each of the past six years, what was the total amount spent by the government on construction and maintenance on government owned buildings or property of any kind in the Hull, Quebec area?
2. What was the total for the six years combined?

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works):** I am informed by the Department of Public Works and the National Capital Commission as follows: In so far as Public Works Canada is concerned: 1. The following amounts were spent in the past six years on construction and maintenance of government-owned buildings and property in Hull, Quebec: