

*Routine Proceedings***Hon. J. Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State of Canada):**

In reply to parts (a) and (b) I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: (a) and (b) Parliament has not as a matter of custom since the corporation's creation in 1936 required CBC to supply in answering Parliamentary questions certain details of its internal management and administration. Parliament has had two reasons for following this custom: first, the independence of the CBC as a Crown corporation established for the purpose of producing and broadcasting independently of political or commercial interference programs for a national program service; and, second, the competitive nature of many of CBC's activities. The appropriateness of the CBC providing certain categories of information has been considered on many occasions by various parliamentary committees and when the CBC has suggested that such information should not be made a matter of public record its views have been accepted by them. Names of staff members and their functions in relation to specific programs and the costs related to such assignments as requested in Question No. 2295 are examples of details which it has not been customary to require the CBC to supply. It is open to Parliament to discuss the policies it and the CBC have followed in this regard and it would be appropriate to review them when the CBC's estimates are before the House of Commons Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts.

(c) No. The government makes available all information requested by members except where publication would be inconsistent with the mandate given to the corporation by Parliament. This principle is well established and accepted with respect to information about government agencies and Crown corporations which are in competition with the private sector.

Question No. 394—Mr. Angus:

Did the Government of Canada institute restrictions on the hours of work of interprovincial truck operators and, if so, for each of the five years prior their implementation and for each year since their implementation (a) how many truck accidents occurred (b) how many trucks, for how many hours, operated with a crew of one driver (c) how many trucks, for how many hours, operated with a crew of two drivers (d) what is the accident ratio for single driver operated trucks versus trucks operated by a double crew (e) what is the average annual income of truck drivers?

Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Transport): Transport Canada instituted new federal hours of service regulations effective July 1, 1989. Enforcement of these regulations which is the responsibility of each province commenced with the implementation of complementary provincial hours of service regulations governing intra-provincial carriers. The majority of provinces commenced enforcement in 1990.

(a) The number of trucks involved in fatality producing, injury producing or property damage only collisions is as follows: 1986—26,645; 1987—27,130; 1988—30,225; 1989—33,064; 1990—31,364. This data excludes figures for Quebec and Alberta which are incomplete at the moment. The 1991 statistics have not yet been compiled.

(b), (c) and (d) There is no data available on these issues.

(e) From Statistics Canada publication on the for hire trucking survey, the following is the reported national average annual income for drivers including supervisors and helpers: 1986—\$28,390; 1987—\$28,348; 1988—\$30,489; 1989—\$32,099. Data has not been published for 1990.

Question No. 397—Mr. Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing):

Did any member of the Canadian Armed Forces participate in the raid on Dieppe on August 19, 1942 and, if so, what are the names, ranks and regiments of those who received the France-German Star for participating in the Raid on Dieppe and what reason was given for awarding them the medal?

Hon. Gerald Merrithew (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Yes, however the France-German Star is granted for entry into operational service on land from June 6, 1944 in France, Belgium, Holland or Germany until May 8, 1945, the date of the end of active hostilities in Europe.

Also, airborne troops of the army who have taken part in airborne operations in a qualifying army area for land operations between June 6, 1944 and May 8, 1945 will qualify.

Question No. 399—Mr. Skelly (Comox—Alberni):

With respect to the government, its bodies and agencies and the company First Satellite Communications (a) what is the total value of contracts since January 1, 1990 (b) what were the dates of these contracts (c) which departments or agencies were involved (d) what was the value of each (e) what was the subject matter of the contract?