

Order Paper Questions

3. What levels of research funding has been approved in principle for the next five years, taking into consideration the achievements of the research programme based upon the past funding arrangements?

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. The 12 recommendations as set out in the National Indian Brotherhood funding program evaluation report are being given serious consideration by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and will be used in the development of future funding programs. Specifically, the department agrees with the NIB that the resolution of Indian claims will be a lengthy and complex process, and that financial support will be required for a considerable time. In line with the NIB recommendations, the department will be supporting regular Research Directors meetings, and will be involving the NIB in the decisions involving distribution of available program funds.

2 and 3. Decisions on the total level of funding and allocations to provincial Indian associations cannot be made until a program budget has been approved by Treasury Board.

FUNDING OF RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND NEGOTIATION OF SPECIFIC CLAIMS

Question No. 1,615—Mr. Holmes:

For the 1976-77 Interim Programme for the funding of research development and negotiation of specific claims, what projects were approved and, in each case (a) what is a brief description (b) what amount of funds was allocated?

Mr. B. Keith Penner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): In 1976-77 the provincial Indian associations conducted research into specific claims which are defined as claims relating to the administration of land and other Indian assets under the Indian Act and to the fulfilment or interpretation of Indian treaties. (a) From this broad base, the associations researched and developed possible claims as their respective finances and priorities dictated. It would appear that most activity was involved in researching land surrenders. Sample research projects as being conducted by the Indian Association of Alberta, and the Union of New Brunswick Indians are as follows:

Indian Association of Alberta	
Research Requests	
Project	Band
Land entitlement	Alexis
Land surrender	Saddle Lake
Land entitlement	O'Chiese
Loss of trapping, livelihood claims	Cold Lake
Land entitlement and surrender	Goodfish Lake
Land surrender and entitlement	Horse Lake
Land entitlement	Cree/Chip
Claims Development Requests	
Project	Band
Land surrender	Louis Bull
Land surrender and entitlement	Horse Lakes
Union of New Brunswick Indians	
Project	Band

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Claim for land at Meductic	Woodstock
Claim for land illegally occupied by Miramichi Timber Resources	Eel Ground
Claim for land illegally occupied by squatters at Big Hole Tract	Eel Ground
Land claim	Tobique
Settlement of land flooded by Tobique Dam	Tobique
Provincial roads never compensated for	Burnt Church

(b) 1976-77 Interim Funding Program for the Research and Development of Specific Claims

Funding Requests and Accountable Contributions Provided

Association/Band	Funding Request	Total Received
Maritimes		
Union of Nova Scotia Indians	\$ 75,300	\$ 65,000
Union of New Brunswick Indians	99,704	65,000
	175,004	130,000
Quebec		
Indians of Quebec Association	387,183	86,000
Attikamek Montagnais	152,020	49,000
Caughnawaga Band	52,700	—
	591,903	135,000
Ontario		
Union of Ontario Indians	222,663	110,000
Grand Council Treaty No. 3	147,075	55,000
Grand Council Treaty No. 9	418,988	107,714
Assoc. Iroquois and Allied Indians	79,500	52,500
Ontario Reserves Association	88,000	32,500
St. Regis Band	23,500	—
Gibson Band	18,340	—
Walpole Island Band	26,379	—
	1,024,445	357,714
Manitoba		
Manitoba Northern Flood Committee	5,000	5,000
Manitoba Indian Brotherhood	1,276,100	215,000
	1,281,100	220,000
Saskatchewan		
Federation of Saskatchewan Indians	466,663	220,000
	466,663	220,000
Alberta		
Indian Association of Alberta	177,286	177,286
Peigan Band	21,220	10,000
Kehewin Band	30,000	10,000
Blood Band	10,000	10,000
Blackfoot Band	38,600	—
Samson Band	30,000	—
Goodfish Lake Band	5,000	—
	312,106	207,286
Yukon		
Yukon Native Brotherhood	65,160	—
	65,160	—
National		
National Indian Brotherhood	30,000	30,000
	30,000	30,000
Total	\$3,946,381	\$1,300,000

INDIAN RIGHTS AND TREATY RESEARCH PROGRAM

Question No. 1,616—Mr. Holmes:

1. For the fiscal year (a) 1972-73 (b) 1973-74 (c) 1974-75 (d) 1975-76, what projects were approved under the Indian Rights and Treaty Research Programme?

2. What is a brief description of each such project and the amount of funds allocated in each case?