

AIR TRAFFIC, REGINA AND SASKATOON

Question No. 2,903—**Mr. Watson (Assiniboia):**

1. How many scheduled Air Canada flights were there out of Regina airport in 1965 and in 1966?
2. How many scheduled Air Canada flights were there out of Saskatoon airport in 1965 and in 1966?
3. How many passengers arrived and departed from the Regina airport in 1965 and in 1966?
4. How many passengers arrived and departed from the Saskatoon airport in 1965 and in 1966?
5. How many scheduled flights were there by other airlines that operate on a time schedule from these airports in the years 1965 and 1966?

Mr. J. A. Byrne (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. There were 2,938 scheduled Air Canada flights out of Regina airport in 1965 and 3,037 in 1966 (regular and extra sections).

2. There were 2,296 scheduled Air Canada flights out of Saskatoon airport in 1965 and 2,530 in 1966 (regular and extra sections).

3. The number of passengers enplaned at Regina airport on scheduled and other unit toll services was 81,078 in 1965 and 93,220 in 1966. From a 15.3 per cent (approximately) sample, it is estimated that in 1965 120,519 passengers arrived, 80,230 deplaned and 121,367 departed, and that in 1966 141,830 passengers arrived, 92,420 deplaned and 142,630 departed.

4. The number of passengers enplaned at Saskatoon airport on scheduled services was 53,194 in 1965 and 61,736 in 1966. From a 15.3 per cent (approximately) sample, it is estimated that in 1965 80,725 passengers arrived, 51,643 deplaned and 82,725 departed, and that in 1966 91,318 passengers arrived, 60,328 deplaned and 92,726 departed.

5. The number of flights operated on a time schedule by airlines other than Air Canada out of Regina airport was 900 in 1965 and 1,350 in 1966. Out of Saskatoon airport, the number of scheduled and extra flights other than those of Air Canada was 985 in 1965 and 1,049 in 1966.

IMPLEMENTATION OF METRIC SYSTEM

Question No. 2,910—**Mr. Stefanson:**

Is the government giving consideration to implementing the metric system in Canada and, if so, what steps have been taken towards this and what further steps are now contemplated?

Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce): Please refer to answer given to question No. 2,353 as tabled in *Hansard* No. 198 of February 1, 1967, page 12516, which reads as

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follows: "No. There is no comprehensive program at present to promote the wider use of the metric system in Canada. Encouragement is being given to the study of the subject in various sectors of Canadian industry, particularly with respect to the impact on export trade. Any consideration of the adoption of the metric system of measurement must take into account the requirements in Canada's main export markets and practices in the countries which are the principal sources of Canadian imports of technology."

N.C.C. ATTENDANCE AT EASTERN ONTARIO DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Question No. 2,911—**Mr. Bell (Carleton):**

1. Did any member or official of the national capital commission attend any of the meetings or functions of the eastern Ontario development council at Ottawa on April 19, 1967?
2. If so, what members or officials?
3. If not, why did the national capital commission overlook the opportunity of contact and discussion with the mayors, reeves and municipal councillors of all municipalities in the national capital region and of other parts of eastern Ontario?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): 1. No.

2. Answered by No. 1.

3. Chairman of National Capital Commission received a notification, not an invitation, of the meeting and a card which was to be returned indicating whether or not he could attend. Having previous commitments, card was returned regretting inability to attend meeting.

CORPORATION TO TAKE OVER DOSCO COAL OPERATION

Question No. 2,914—**Mr. Douglas:**

When the crown corporation proposed by the federal government to take over the DOSCO coal operation is established, is it the intention of the government to have the present miners' pension continued?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The matter of pensions is one of the many items to be dealt with in the legislation dealing with the new crown corporation, to be introduced in the house in the near future.

AIRFIELD EXTENSION, WIARTON, ONT.

Question No. 2,915—**Mr. Noble:**

1. Is it the intention of the Department of Transport to extend the Wiarton airfield?
2. If so, would regular air travel service be made available?