

*Orders for Returns*

Liberia, and the Philippines which decided to include an item on the agenda of the assembly session to be held in late 1972 entitled, "Need to consider suggestions regarding the review of the Charter of the United Nations".

## REGIONAL DESKS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Question No. 913—**Mr. Peddle:**

1. How many Regional Desks are associated with the Prime Ministers' Office?
2. What is the name of the individual who heads each desk and his salary?
3. What regions do such desks represent?

**Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister):** 1. Four.

2.	Salary Range
Gilles Dufault	\$10,000-12,500
Jean Haché	\$10,000-12,500
Colin Kenny	\$10,000-12,500
David Thomson	\$17,500-20,000

3. Quebec, Atlantic, Ontario and Western Canada.

## CROP INSURANCE ACT—PAYMENTS FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY HAIL

Question No. 935—**Mr. Laprise:**

Under the Crop Insurance Act, what amount has been paid each year to each province for damages caused by hail since the Act was passed?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** Under the comprehensive coverage provided by agreements with the provinces made under authority of the Crop Insurance Act indemnities are paid on the basis of final crop yields which can be, and frequently are, affected by more than one cause of crop loss and it would be most difficult, if not impossible, to segregate the amounts paid in respect of any one cause of reduced yields.

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## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

## RECRUITING OF PERSONNEL FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Question No. 425—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. What are the results of the recruiting plans up to the end of 1971 of departments, agencies and Crown corporations to employ (a) chartered accountants (b) lawyers (c) medical doctors (d) engineers?
2. Are they to be recruited by the Public Service Commission or by the department, agency or Crown corporation concerned?

Return tabled.

INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT—  
EDUCATION COSTS IN YUKON AND NORTH-  
WEST TERRITORIES

Question No. 742—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. What was the total amount of money spent by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in federally operated schools and vocational training institutions for the edu-

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cation of residents of the Yukon and the Northwest Territories for the past five years and, what is the breakdown for each year?

2. What percentage of the total Northern Economic Development Branch budget do the above educational expenditures account represent?

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## POSSIBLE SALE OF HELICOPTERS BY GREAT BRITAIN TO SOUTH AFRICA—CANADIAN POSITION

**Mr. Heath Macquarrie (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. It concerns today's announcement by his British counterpart, Foreign Secretary Home, regarding the issuance of export licences for the sale to South Africa of seven Wasp helicopters. Considering the degree to which arms sales to South Africa have been discussed between the British and the Canadian governments bilaterally and at Singapore, can the minister advise if the Canadian government was notified of this British move and, if so, is it the government's view that such action is in accord with the Singapore communiqué?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the government was not advised in advance of the statement made by Sir Alec Douglas-Home in the British House of Commons. My only comment is that the statement, as it has been reported, is in accordance with British policy which has never been changed. It has been our view, and it continues to be, that the supplying of arms to South Africa will not promote the strength and the unity of the Commonwealth and we hope that the British government, notwithstanding the statement made, will not proceed.

**Mr. Macquarrie:** Considering that Canada is a member of the arms committee formed at Singapore, and in light of our past protestations, can the minister advise if within that committee Canada will take some initiative in respect of further sales of helicopters inasmuch as Mr. Home believes they have a commitment with respect to the first seven?

**Mr. Sharp:** As far as I know, Mr. Speaker, there have been no sales of helicopters by Britain to South Africa. The statement made by Sir Alec Douglas-Home, as reported to me, is that Britain would allow the export of Wasp helicopters if the South African government placed orders for them, but no orders have yet been placed. As far as the committee is concerned, it is true that Canada is a member of a committee to discuss the security of the Indian Ocean, and we would hope to have an active and useful role in that committee. I should add, however, that the British government never did say it would withhold action on the sale of arms to South Africa because of the formation of the committee.