

MAINTENANCE COSTS

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister confirm that, unlike most landlord/tenant leases, in this case the tenant, which is the Government, will pay all maintenance, heating, tax and other costs, which come to over \$1 million a year and which will run the rent for this \$22 million building up to over \$100 million during the term of the lease?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is using every inflated arithmetical figure he can find. Obviously we cannot discuss this sort of issue without having all the figures in front of us. If the Hon. member wants me to appear before the committee and discuss this contract, I will do so.

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COMMUNICATIONS

ACCESS TO UNITED STATES TELEVISION SIGNALS

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications. In view of a Goldfarb Consultants poll commissioned by the Liberal Government in July, 1983, which reveals that four out of five Canadians want unrestricted access to U.S. television stations, I want to ask the Minister two things. First, why had the Government hidden the results of last year's poll until Canadian Press revealed them in the media just yesterday? I received my copy in my seat in the House about five minutes ago. Second, what specific question did Goldfarb put to 1,600 Canadians to elicit the most interesting response that 80 per cent of Canadians want unfettered access to U.S. signals?

Hon. Francis Fox (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member knows, as he has a copy of the Goldfarb report, courtesy of the Minister of Communications—

Mr. Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Signed by his own hand.

Mr. Fox:—I would indicate that Canadian Press was obviously more diligent than Members of the Opposition. They used the Access to Information Act which I brought before this House, and which was adopted by the House two years ago, to obtain a copy of the report. As far as the Hon. Member's question is concerned, he will find the questionnaire on page 11 of the book, compiled by Mr. Goldfarb. I hasten to point out that one result that was not published by Canadian Press, which is also most interesting, is that 78 per cent of Canadians support the development of a strong Canadian artistic community.

Mr. Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): I am glad to know that Canadians also recognize the need to protect and preserve a distinctive Canadian identity and a viable Canadian broadcasting industry.

Oral Questions
GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Communications will know of the hostility of folks, particularly in many of Canada's smaller and more remote communities, when they are denied or cut off from American signals. Did the Minister commission this poll with a view to changing government policy on access to American signals? If so how is he going to come up with a policy which will ensure fair and equitable distribution of both Canadian and American signals and preserve the Canadian broadcasting system?

Hon. Francis Fox (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. gentleman has been watching the development of the Canadian broadcasting policy, he knows that that is what has been done for the past few years. Through the CRTC we have licensed a group of Canadian businessmen and entrepreneurs to deliver to all villages, towns, and areas of this country, a complete package of four U.S. signals, the four main networks, along with four Canadian signals. We feel that what Canadians are looking for is not only access to U.S. signals but access to Canadian signals, to let them know what is going on in this country.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

MILITARY ACCIDENTS—RELEASE OF INQUIRY TRANSCRIPTS

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence. In the latter part of April the Minister appeared on the television program *The Journal* with respect to an issue that I have raised in this House before, the release of board of inquiry transcripts to designated next-of-kin in the case of military accidents. In response to a question from Barbara Frum on that program, the Minister indicated with regard to designated next-of-kin in a couple of other accidents which had been brought to his attention, that there had been a policy change, that these transcripts were now available and all the parents in this case had to do was get in touch with him the next morning and this information would be forthcoming. As of this weekend, neither of two sets of parents who got in touch with him the next morning has received the transcripts.

I was in touch with one of them this morning, Anne McKinnon of Alberta. As of today she has not yet received an answer to a telephone call she placed to the Minister's office that morning. The Minister had the nerve to go on national television and give the impression that there has been a policy change and that he would look after everything. I want to know when he is going to look after everything.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Will the Hon. Member ask his question?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I did in fact indicate that there was a major policy change. That change is being implemented. The Hon. Member