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tion portion of this work was implemented in 1980. Brockville, as an important point in the network, will be examined in greater detail once better operational statistics are available.

3. Effectiveness of the services is constantly monitored through the loads on the trains. The assessment procedures will be expanded considerably with the availability of data in greater detail.

## COAST GUARD VESSEL 122

**Question No. 2,127—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):**

1. What was the capital cost of acquiring and commissioning Coast Guard Vessel 122 based at Ganges Harbour?
2. Where was the vessel acquired and at what cost?
3. What are the annual operating costs for the vessel?
4. What is the average cost per rescue involving the vessel (a) on its own, taking into account overheads (b) in co-operation with other rescue agencies?
5. What is the average reimbursement per rescue paid to Coast Guard auxiliary personnel, in the area where the vessel normally operates?
6. Since the vessel was acquired (a) how often was it called out on rescue duty (b) how many auxiliary vessels answered rescue calls?

**Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. \$197,122.

2. James L. Reid Inc., Lachine, P.Q. at a cost of \$182,752.

3 Year to date June, 1980 to February, 1981 \$124,000.

4. (a) \$900.

(b) \$920.

5. \$20.

6. (a) 175 times.

(b) 211.

## SCIENTIFIC CO-OPERATION WITH CHINA

**Question No. 2,151—Mr. Herbert:**

Has the International Development Research Centre concluded an agreement for scientific co-operation with China and, if so, does the agreement provide for exchange visits between Canada and China?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** The International Development Research Centre replies as follows: A memorandum of understanding was signed on September 16, 1980, between the International Development Research Centre and the State Scientific and Technological Commission of the People's Republic of China. The memorandum provides for co-operative development research activities in China, in other developing countries, and in Canada. Included is provision for exchange visits of scientific personnel between Canada and China.

## MINISTERS' SPEECHES

**Question No. 2,164—Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to question No. 5 which states in part, that \$62,400 was paid to H.J.M. Comm Productions Ltd., Ottawa, in a period of less than two years for preparing speeches for ministers (a) for what reasons was this particular firm hired (b) were bids or presentations obtained from other firms

and (i) if so, what were the names and addresses of such firms (ii) if not, for what reason (c) what is the name and job designation of the highest ranking person who recommended the firm (d) what were the names and job designations of all other persons recommending the firm or who in any way negotiated the contract?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

- (a) H.J.M. Communications Productions was hired in order to research and write speeches for Ministers of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.
- (b) Bids or presentations were not obtained from other firms as H.J.M. Communications, in the opinion of the then director of information, provided satisfactory service to ministers' requests for speech research and writing.
- (c) Alan Duckett, the then director of information, Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce recommended and negotiated the contract with H.J.M. Communications Productions. Keith Gardner, the then deputy director of the information branch also assisted with negotiations.

## WHARF PROPERTY, PORTLAND, ONT.

**Question No. 2,213—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the Department of Fisheries and Oceans refuse to grant a lease in the 1980 season for a wharf property owned by the government at Portland, Ontario and, if so, was the refusal (a) made to the township of Bastard and South Burgess (b) on the grounds that the township did not maintain an administrative program nor collect fees in 1979?

2. Did the Burlington, Ontario office of the department at 3050 Harvester Road, receive telephone calls from an official of the township on June 16 and on August 18, 1980, making inquiries and, if so, did the township receive a reply to the inquiries and, if not, for what reason?

3. Did the same office receive a letter dated March 5, 1981, drawing the matter to the attention of a Mr. Smead and, if so, on what date will the township receive an answer to its inquiry?

4. Does the government file involved bear the number 5883-70/P669?

**Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):**  
1. No.

(a) The Department of Fisheries and Oceans issued a lease to the township of Bastard and South Burgess to administer the government wharf at Portland in accordance with the Fishing and Recreational Harbours Act and Regulations. This lease was for a period of five years effective May 1, 1979, and required the township to collect all tolls, dues and charges in accordance with the Fishing and Recreational Harbours Act and Regulations.

(b) This lease was terminated effective April 30, 1980, as the township refused to collect the toll and dues in accordance with the terms of the lease.

2. Yes, telephone calls from an official of the township were received. Written replies to the telephone conversation were not sent as it was felt that these matters were adequately answered during the telephone conversations.