

Questions

3. Are any additional accommodations provided to Mr. Ochteau and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. Jean Ochteau is Deputy Commissioner General of the Canadian Government Participation in Expo '70.

2. He has been provided apartment accommodation for living purposes with a total area of 540 square feet.

Mr. Ochteau arrived in Osaka on March 12, 1970. His term appointment expires September 30, 1970.

3. No additional accommodation is provided Mr. Ochteau.

LAST OAK PARK, SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 1,571—**Mr. Burton:**

1. Has the Department of Regional Economic Expansion carried out any work or authorized work in planning for the development of Last Oak Park, north of Broadview, Saskatchewan and, if so, by whom was this work carried out?

2. How much has been spent to date in each fiscal year in planning for this Park?

3. How much has been spent in each fiscal year in development of this Park and how much was spent on (a) roads (b) land clearing and development (c) other facilities?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1 and 2. Yes. Under the 1965-70 ARDA Agreement, two projects were authorized to assess the recreational development potential of Indian lands in the Crooked and Round Lakes area of Last Oak Park, at a total cost of approximately \$124,000. The consulting firm of C. W. Pool and Associates Limited was retained by the Saskatchewan government to undertake the basic study work.

3. Not applicable.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION—AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO "SPECIAL AREAS"

Question No. 1,580—**Mr. Simpson:**

1. How many provincial governments have signed or concluded agreements with the federal government in relation to "special areas", as outlined to the House of Commons by the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion on March 11, 1970?

2. If any provincial governments have signed such agreements, on what dates were each of the agreements signed?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Drafting of agreements with

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most of the Provinces concerned has been concluded, and formal signing is expected very shortly.

2. Not applicable.

CANADIAN CONSUMER COUNCIL—ESTABLISHMENT COST

Question No. 1,588—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. What was the total "set-up" cost to establish the Canadian Consumer Council?

2. What is the annual salary of the executive secretary and the total annual salaries of staff assistants?

3. What was the total cost of expenses, etc., for Council Members in the calendar year 1969?

4. What was the total cost of administration of the Council for the calendar year?

5. What has been the total cost of setting up and administering the Council since its inception?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. There was no identifiable cost involved in the "setting up" of the Canadian Consumer Council.

2. Executive Director, \$23,000; Secretaries, \$10,812.

3. \$19,489.

4. \$28,949.

5. To March 26, 1970, \$71,024.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—PURCHASE OF DRUGS FOR VETERANS

Question No. 1,591—**Mr. Comeau:**

1. Is it the intention of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide for the purchase of drugs for veterans through Veterans' Hospitals rather than through the local pharmacies and, if so, on what date will this policy come into effect?

2. Did the Department consider the possible increase in administrative responsibilities resulting from such action?

3. Has the Department studied the effect this decision will have on local pharmacies and, if so, what are the results?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. No. The Department's practice of filling prescriptions from doctors of choice through local pharmacies will be continued.

2. Yes.

3. Yes. A decision to change would have had an adverse effect on the local pharmacies' volume of business and their ability to provide for the treatment needs of veterans in the community.