Order Paper Questions

Net Loans for New Housing Approved Under the NHA, 1973-1975-Fredericton, Sunbury and York Counties, New Brunswick

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Location and Program		Hostel			Hostel				Hostel				
		Loans	Units	Beds	\$000	Loans	Units	Beds	\$000	Loans	Units	Beds	\$000
Sunbury County													
Low Rental	Sec. 15			_	_	_	-	-	—	-		-	—
Non-Profit	Sec. 15.1				-	-		-	-		_		
Assisted Home-ownership	Sec. 34.15	1	1		20	4	4		93	7	1		180
Federal-Provincial	Sec. 40				-		-	-	-	12	82	-	1,598
Public Housing	Sec. 43	1	10	-	156		-						
Home-ownership	Sec. 58	3	3		57	1	1		20	1	1	-	30
Indians on Reserve	Sec. 59		-	_	-	-		-	-	-		-	-
York County													
Low Rental	Sec. 15			1					-	-	-	-	-
Non-Profit	Sec. 15.1		-	-	-		-	-	-	1	-	30	391
Assisted Home-ownership	Sec. 34.15		_	-	-	2	2		42	6	6		147
Federal-Provincial	Sec. 40	-			-				-	2	17	-	335
Public Housing	Sec. 43	1	30		542	-	-		-	in the			1000 17 1
Home-ownership	Sec. 58	8	8		54	3	3		59	5	5		139
Indians on Reserve	Sec. 59	-	-		*	-	-	—	—	-	-	-	—

¹ Reduction in loans initially approved in an earlier year.

TASK FORCE REPORT

Question No. 1,138-Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):

1. Has the Task Force on decentralization finished its final report for submission to the Minister and, if not, on what date is the report expected?

2. Is it the intention of the Minister to prepare a white paper based on the Task Force Report, for submission to Parliament and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, on what date?

3. Did the terms of reference of the Task Force include directions to study, as did those for the report "A Review of the Possibility of Dispersing More Government Work from London", by Sir Henry Hardman of the United Kingdom, the (a) precise estimated economic benefits which would accrue to areas where government functions are to be located (b) loss in communications efficiency of dispersed government operations and (i) if so, will the government include this information in any white paper prepared for Parliament (ii) if not, are such factors being considered, in what manner and by whom?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. The Task Force on Decentralization was set up to examine the feasibility of relocating different government units from the N.C.R. It should be noted that prime factors considered are each unit's ability to operate effectively in locations other than the N.C.R. without duplicating existing facilities and the ability of these locations to support the operational needs of the unit. The process is continuous and no date for completion has been established. No final report is contemplated.

2. No. See 1 above. (a) No white paper is contemplated. (b) Not applicable.

3. (a) No. (b) No. (i) See 1 above. (ii) Yes, by individual departments in consultation with Treasury Board.

DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAMME

Question No. 1,139-Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):

1. What is the total number of Public Service positions which will have been moved out of the National Capital Region under the programme of decentralization by the end of 1986?

2. For the year (a) 1976 (b) 1977 (c) 1978 (d) 1979 (e) 1980 (f) 1981 (g) 1982 (h) 1983 (i) 1984 (j) 1985 (k) 1986, how many Public Service positions will be moved out of the National Capital Region?

3. With reference to the President of the Treasury Board's speech on September 3, 1975, that "... it is clear that as long as only 14 percent of the senior

executives are located outside the National Capital Region, there is a great deal of room for initiative in this area ..., what is the government's target percentage figure for executive level location outside the National Capital Region and on what date does it expect to achieve that target?

4. (a) What is the government's total projected cost for the decentralization programme to the end of its implementation period, or to 1986, whichever is the sooner and, what are the estimated costs for the (i) movement of departmental facilities (ii) training of personnel recruited to replace those refusing transfer (b) what is the estimated percentage increase in yearly operating costs for those units being moved outside the National Capital Region and what will be the estimated annual cost per unit decentralized for (i) intra-departmental communication (ii) intra-departmental travel (iii) transfers or promotions between geographically separated sections of the same department?

5. (a) What departmental units or agencies have been identified for future decentralization (b) on what date will such decentralizations take place (c) how many positions are involved (d) what is the government's estimate of the number of positions which will be filled by persons already employed by units or agencies and how many will have to be recruited in the new locations (e) have any discussions taken place with the employees to be affected and, if not, how long before the decentralizations are publicly announced will such consultation take place (f) what was the period of such consultation with employees of the departments and agencies already publicly identified to date for decentralization?

6. With respect to the municipal areas to which government functions are being moved, have consultations been undertaken with local municipal authorities and (a) if so (i) what are they (ii) what matters were covered (b) if not, for what reason?

7. Have the municipal authorities involved requested assistance from the government to meet the additional costs of providing services to departments and serviced land to employees and, if so, what was the government's response?

8. Has the government estimated the total amount of new office space which must be constructed as a result of the decentralization programme and, if so, what total amount of floor space must be provided and what is the estimated cost?

9. Is there a third phase of the decentralization programme which will move scientific and research establishments out of the National Capital Region and, if so, what units will be involved and where will they be located?

10. In the case of Public Service positions moved outside the National Capital Region, will second language training facilities be available to the employees and will such training, if provided, increase the overall cost of the bilingual training programme?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. See answer to Parliamentary Question No. 1,138 Part 1 answered this day. Not known.

2. Not known. For those units already announced figures for permanent positions are as follows (by fiscal year): 1976-77: