Questions

NEWFOUNDLAND—ASSISTANCE UNDER DREE

Question No. 1,185-Mr. Marshall:

Has the Province of Newfoundland applied to the federal government for assistance under the Department of Regional Economic Expansion to establish air landing strips at (a) Cartwright (b) Mary's Harbour (c) Springdale (d) Grand Falls (e) Wesleyville (f) Bonavista (g) Catalina (h) Winterland (i) Harbour Buton (j) Channel (k) Port-aux-Basques and, if so, what assistance will be given by way of grants or loans?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): No.

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION—IN-COME DERIVED FROM COMPUTER SERVICES

Question No. 1,191-Mr. Robinson:

What income, if any, is derived from the computer services provided by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion (a) from other departments (b) from sale or services to industry (c) to provincial government departments (d) to municipalities?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Nil.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMINAL CODE—OFF-TRACK BETTING OPERATIONS

Question No. 1,204-Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):

- 1. Since the 1969/70 amendments to the Criminal Code of Canada, has the Minister of Agriculture received from any provincial government any request for the Minister's approval of off-track betting operations to be conducted by governmental, municipal, community or private interests and, if so, how many applications were there from each province?
- 2. What was the decision in the case of each of the said applications?
- 3. If any were refused, what were the reasons given for such refusals?
- Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): 1. The Attorney General of Alberta has requested the Minister of Agriculture to authorize off-track betting to be conducted by the Western Canada Racing Association Ltd., at their Edmonton and Calgary Race tracks.
 - 2. No final decision.
- 3. The Attorney General of Alberta and the Western Canada Racing Association Ltd. were advised that the decision in this matter would have to be delayed and considered in the context of off-track betting generally, which has been discussed by the federal and provincial Attorneys General.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—SELECTION OF TEACHERS FOR OVERSEAS POSITIONS

Question No. 1,234—Mr. Fairweather:

- 1. What are the criteria used for the selection of teachers for overseas positions with the Department of National Defence?
- 2. For the 1971-72 program, how many applications were (a) received (b) accepted from the Province of New Brunswick?

[Mr. Benson.]

- Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): 1. Applicant's academic qualifications, special skills, ability and training; degree of competency based on the assessment by the local responsible superintendent of schools; personal suitability; age, marital status and, if married, the number of children in the family. Each candidate must also pass a medical examination for duty in Europe.
- 2. This year slightly over 800 applications were received for some 130 vacancies. Competition for each position was keen and only the best qualified and most competent teachers were selected. Thirty five school boards in New Brunswick were asked to nominate teachers for overseas assignments. Only eight boards responded, nominating a total of 18 candidates. Of the 18 candidates, one was selected, one failed to complete and return the required documentation and the remaining 16 were not given assignments because no suitable vacancies were available.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE—INCOME DERIVED FROM COMPUTER SERVICES

Question No. 1,270-Mr. Robinson:

What income, if any, is derived from the computer services provided by the Department of Justice (a) from other departments (b) from sale or services to industry (c) to provincial government departments (d) to municipalities?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): None.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

PLYWOOD INDUSTRY

Question No. 665-Mr. Fortin:

- 1. During each of the past five years (a) what was the production of plywood in Canada (b) what were the exports of plywood (c) what were the imports of plywood (d) what were the custom duties on plywood?
- 2. Is the government considering the problems of the plywood industry in general and more specifically those of the Sogefor Company, and (a) if so, what solutions have been or will be applied (b) if not, for what reasons?

Return tabled.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers No. 209 is acceptable to the government.

INFORMATION CANADA KITS, FEDERAL EXHIBIT PROGRAM

Motion No. 209-Mr. Mather:

That an Order of the House do issue for a copy of the Information kits prepared by Information Canada for all of its exhibits in the federal exhibit program.

Motion agreed to.