

## Questions

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** 1, 2 and 3. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics does not compile statistics on the number of accidents involving inter-provincially operated trucks by large motor carriers.

NATIONAL HARBOURS BOARD—STATISTICS OF EMPLOYMENT AT EAST COAST PORTS

Question No. 1,179—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Has the National Harbours Board statistics on employment of labour such as longshoremen at its East Coast ports and, if so, what were the man-hours per month over the last twelve months including January of this year at (a) Montreal (b) Quebec City (c) Saint John (d) Halifax?

2. Have any studies been made of any alteration to the manpower picture caused by containerization?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The National Harbours Board advise as follows: 1. No.

2. No.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE—PURCHASE OF JET AIRCRAFT

Question No. 1,272—**Mr. Nesbitt:**

1. When was the decision made to purchase four jet aircraft for the Canadian Armed Forces to replace the existing Yukon aircraft?

2. How many Aircraft Companies tendered on this project?

3. Did the Douglas Aircraft Company submit a tender and, if so, what was the amount of the Douglas tender?

4. Did the Department of National Defence discuss with Air Canada the possibility of Air Canada servicing any aircraft made by the Douglas Aircraft Company that might be purchased by DND?

5. What is the estimated annual cost of servicing and repairs for the four Boeing 707 aircraft purchased by DND?

6. How many persons will be obliged to receive training to service these aircraft?

7. What will be the duration of this training period?

8. What is the estimated life of the existing Yukon aircraft?

9. What is the intended disposition of these aircraft?

**Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** 1. Treasury Board approved the Boeing program January 29, 1970.

2. Two.

3. Yes, total program cost for four DC8/63CF was estimated to be \$66.4 million (Canadian Funds).

[Mr. Mather.]

4. Informal discussions concerning the servicing of DC8F and Boeing 707's were held with Air Canada representatives.

5. The estimated annual cost of servicing four Boeing 707 aircraft is \$3 million.

6. 283.

7. The longest course is of 19 days' duration, and the shortest three days. Training commenced in February and will be completed in June 1970.

8. The Yukons have an average of approximately 14,000 hours expended life against an estimated life of 40,000 hours. The unexpended life in the Yukons was taken into account in determining the economics of replacing these aircraft with Boeings at the present time. The annual estimated savings to be realized by operating the Boeings in place of the Yukons is six million dollars.

9. The Yukon aircraft will be declared surplus to National Defence requirements and turned over to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation for disposal.

CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES

Question No. 1,301—**Mr. Peddle:**

1. How many post offices in Canada (a) have been closed during the past year (b) are presently in the process of being closed (c) are being considered for closing, but no final decision yet made?

2. By province, where are these post offices located and what population served in each case?

**Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General and Minister of Communications):** 1.

	(a)	(b)	(c)
Newfoundland	34	83	121
Prince Edward Island	23	3	3
Nova Scotia	82	147	44
New Brunswick	55	52	64
Quebec	145	73	41
Ontario	206	84	62
Manitoba	27	49	44
Saskatchewan	64	62	165
Alberta	65	30	76
British Columbia	20	5	81
Yukon	1	—	—
Northwest Territories	—	—	2

2. (a) See 1. (b) Departmental records are not maintained in such a way that would make it possible to compile these statistics.