

Residences for Heads of Missions

I have the honour to ask the House of Representatives to approve of supplementary expenditure in the amount of £57,142 for the purchase of residences for the Ambassador in Washington and the High Commissioner in Ottawa.

2. It had been originally contemplated that residences for Heads of Missions abroad should be rented and provision was made on that basis in the Estimates 1962/63 as approved by the House. As regards the Missions in Washington and Ottawa, however, it has transpired that suitable residences for Heads of Missions are not available on a rental basis : only for sale.

3. Two (2) suitable residences for sale have been found at the following prices:-

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| (a) | Washington | - | \$110,000 | (£39,285)                                     |
| (b) | Ottawa     | - | \$ 50,000 | (£17,857)                                     |
|     |            |   |           | - inclusive of redecoration<br>and refitting. |

4. The House is accordingly invited to approve of supplementary expenditure in the above amounts for the purchase of the residences required; the expenditure to be charged to a new sub-head "Overseas Missions - Buildings and Residences" under Head 6A Ministry of External Affairs (Capital) to be provided in the First Supplementary Estimates 1962/63.

5. A Resolution seeking the approval of the House will be moved by me in due course.

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