

Order Paper Questions

and circulation (c) what is the name of the highest authority authorizing the letter?

2. Was the Minister of Supply and Services aware of, or did he give his permission in advance to the letter and, if so, on what date was it first brought to his attention?

3. Was Mr. D'Avignon aware of the contents of chapter 328 of the Treasury Board Regulations in regard to charitable campaigns and specifically, was he aware whether or not such regulations prohibit "canvassing, solicitation or collection of funds in government offices on behalf of charitable campaigns" and, if so, what are all the reasons that the regulation was not adhered to?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Supply Administration is concerned: 1. Mr. G. R. D'Avignon, deputy minister of supply, issued a circular to supply administration employees within the National Capital Region informing them of the forthcoming campaign and encouraging them to support the campaign.

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Mr. G. R. D'Avignon, deputy minister of supply.

2. The minister's permission was not sought for this matter, since the decision to issue a letter to the employees providing details on the campaign, does not contravene the general intent of the exception to the policy approved by the Treasury Board. However, the Minister of Supply and Services was made aware of the letter by the deputy minister of supply.

3. See reply to question No. 1,356, part 1, answered this day.

Question No. 1,359—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Were circulars sent as cheque-stuffers and/or otherwise distributed, to public servants requesting funds on behalf of the University of Ottawa and offering eligibility to participate in a draw for gifts and, if so, is it government policy to give charitable receipts for contributions under such circumstances?

2. What is the name and job designation of the highest official authorizing distribution of the pamphlets in such a manner and (a) what part did the President of the Treasury Board play (b) did the Minister of National Revenue or anyone in the Department authorize charitable receipts under such circumstances and, if so (i) on what dates (ii) what are all the details (iii) what are the names and job designations of all those involved?

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): I am informed by the Department of National Revenue and Treasury Board as follows: 1. Yes. The cheque-stuffers distributed to public servants advising of the University of Ottawa campaign contained information of a draw, which was subsequently withdrawn. A registered charity may not issue official receipts for income tax purposes in such circumstances.

- 2. (a) See reply to question No. 1,356, part 2 answered this day.
- (b) See part 1, above.

Question No. 1,362—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was a newsletter "Contact" dated June 3, 1980, published by the Department of National Revenue and signed by Deputy Minister J.P. Connell and, if so (a) was it addressed to all employees (b) was the entire content devoted in both official languages to urging employees to donate funds to the University of Ottawa and, if so, does this contravene Treasury Board Regulations in regard to charitable campaigns and what is the government's intention concerning this situation (c) what is the name and job designation of the highest ranking official authorizing the newsletter?

2. Was the newsletter published at the taxpayer expense and, if so (a) how many copies were printed (b) by whom and at what cost?

Hon. William Rompkey (Minister of National Revenue): 1. Yes.

- (a) Only to Customs and Excise employees located in the Ottawa area.
- (b) See reply to question No. 1,356 answered this day.
- (c) Mr. J. P. Connell, deputy minister, Customs and Excise.

2. Yes.

- (a) 1800 copies.
- (b) The newsletter was printed by the personnel branch at the request of the public relations branch. The cost: \$37.

Question No. 1,366—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was a letter dated June 19, 1980, issued to all employees of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and signed by Deputy Minister M.A. Cohen and, if so (a) was the entire content devoted in both official languages to urging employees to donate funds to the University of Ottawa and, if so, does this contravene Treasury Board Regulations in regard to charitable campaigns and what is the government's intention concerning this situation (b) what is the name and job designation of the highest ranking official authorizing the letter?

2. Was the letter published at the taxpayer expense and, if so (a) how many copies were printed (b) by whom and at what cost?

Mr. John Evans (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): I am informed by the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and Treasury Board as follows: 1. Yes.

- (a) See reply to question No. 1,356, part 1, answered this day.
- (b) Mr. M. A. Cohen, deputy minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

2. Yes.

- (a) 4,000 copies printed on recycled map paper.
- (b) Canadian government printing office, \$331.95.

Question No. 1,369—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was a letter dated May 30, 1980, issued to all personnel of the Public Service Commission and signed by chairman Edgar Gallant and, if so (a) was the entire content devoted in both official languages to urging personnel to donate funds to the University of Ottawa and, if so, does this contravene Treasury Board Regulations in regard to charitable campaigns and what is the government's intention concerning this situation (b) what is the name and job designation of the highest ranking official authorizing the letter?

2. Was the letter published at the taxpayer expense and, if so (a) how many copies were printed (b) by whom and at what cost?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. Yes.

- (a) See reply to question No. 1,356, part 1, answered this day.
- (b) See part 1 above.