

Order Paper Questions

became aware of the memo after it was issued by the Director of Personnel. The purpose of the memo was to respond to a number of enquiries received from employees about the technique of transcendental meditation. It is part of the function of the Personnel Division to inform employees of courses of instruction that could improve an employee's performance of his or her duties. The circulation of this memorandum is not considered by the department as the promotion of a commercial enterprise at government expense.

2. Approximately 1350, one copy to each employee at Headquarters.

3. No, the department did not sanction or recommend the course. The memorandum only brought the course to the attention of employees so that they could make their own decisions about taking the course. Yes, research was conducted on the technique of transcendental meditation by the Director of Personnel. A number of articles were consulted including the Conference Board Record (July 1975), Canadian Business (February 1975), Academy of Management Journal (Volume 17, No. 2), The Lancet (April 1970), Scientific American (February 1972); and a number of books including Transcendental Meditation by J. Forem; Tranquility without Pills by J. H. Robins and David Fisher; The Transcendental Meditation Program for Business People by Robert B. Kory; and TM Discovering Inner Energy and Overcoming Stress by Dr. Harold H. Bloomfield.

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5. The Department was not aware of these specific quotations and they have been brought to the attention of the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act who has responsibility for the administration of the misleading advertising and deceptive marketing practices provisions of the Act. Under the Act, it is the Director's duty to initiate an inquiry whenever he has reason to believe that there has been or is about to be a violation of any provision of the Act. In view of the subjective nature of transcendental meditation and the fact that no complaints concerning any promotion by this organization have been received in his office, the Director believes that it is unlikely that a court would hold beyond a reasonable doubt that the quotations were in violation of the Act. The Director, however, will examine the organization's promotional material in greater detail and take whatever action is necessary in accordance with the statute.

[*Editor's Note: The following answer applies to Questions Nos. 5,655, 5,658, 5,661, 5,662, 5,665, 5,666, 5,667, 5,668, 5,669, 5,671, 5,672, 5,674, 5,675, 5,677, 5,680, 5,682, 5,683.*]

PROMOTION OF INVESTMENTS

Question No. 5,655—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

1. How many grants has the government or any para-governmental agency given to various Canadian companies to promote or support certain investments in Algeria since 1972?

2. How much was granted to such companies in each year since 1972 by the government or any para-governmental agency to promote and support such investments?

3. Under what terms and conditions did the government and/or agencies make such grants?

[Mr. Lee.]

4. What (a) are the names of the beneficiary companies (b) is the location of their head office (c) was the purpose and nature of their investment?

Question No. 5,658—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

1. How many grants has the government or any para-governmental agency given to various Canadian companies to promote or support certain investments in Brazil since 1972?

2. How much was granted to such companies in each year since 1972 by the government or any para-governmental agency to promote and support such investments?

3. Under what terms and conditions did the government and/or agencies make such grants?

4. What (a) are the names of the beneficiary companies (b) is the location of their head office (c) was the purpose and nature of their investment?

Question No. 5,661—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue)

1. How many grants has the government or any para-governmental agency given to various Canadian companies to promote or support certain investments in Congo (Brazzaville) since 1972?

2. How much was granted to such companies in each year since 1972 by the government or any para-governmental agency to promote and support such investments?

3. Under what terms and conditions did the government and/or agencies make such grants?

4. What (a) are the names of the beneficiary companies (b) is the location of their head office (c) was the purpose and nature of their investment?

Question No. 5,662—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

1. How many grants has the government or any para-governmental agency given to various Canadian companies to promote or support certain investments in Ivory Coast since 1972?

2. How much was granted to such companies in each year since 1972 by the government or any para-governmental agency to promote and support such investments?

3. Under what terms and conditions did the government and/or agencies make such grants?

4. What (a) are the names of the beneficiary companies (b) is the location of their head office (c) was the purpose and nature of their investment?

Question No. 5,665—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

1. How many grants has the government or any para-governmental agency given to various Canadian companies to promote or support certain investments in Guiana since 1972?

2. How much was granted to such companies in each year since 1972 by the government or any para-governmental agency to promote and support such investments?

3. Under what terms and conditions did the government and/or agencies make such grants?

4. What (a) are the names of the beneficiary companies (b) is the location of their head office (c) was the purpose and nature of their investment?

Question No. 5,666—Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):

1. How many grants has the government or any para-governmental agency given to various Canadian companies to promote or support certain investments in Kenya since 1972?

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