

Routine Proceedings

[English]

PETITIONS

IMMIGRATION

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table a petition from residents of my riding and other areas of metropolitan Toronto urging the minister of immigration to issue minister's permits for spouses and dependent children of persons who have been determined to be convention refugees and allow these families to be reunited in Canada for inland processing.

If this were done, we would limit tragic situations such as the four Gunajothy children between the ages of 5 and 12 who have been waiting for three years in a hotel room in Colombo in terror, without a permanent care giver, while their parents achieved refugee status and were landed last June.

It is six months now that they have been sponsored and they have not even received medical instructions. These children will be Canadian citizens and they will remember their years of fear, loneliness and waiting.

[Translation]

ARTICLE IX OF GATT

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by residents of Sydenham, South Mountain, Joyceville and Plantagenet.

[English]

These petitioners oppose the government's possible change in article XI of the GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. They call upon the government to hold the Canadian system up as an example to the world and to protect it in its entirety from any change as a result of the current negotiations and urge the government to show some backbone for a change and support Canadian farmers in those negotiations.

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[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk).

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: No 117 and No. 141.

[Text]

Question No. 117—**Mr. Vanclief:**

With respect to certificates sent to commemorate Canadian participation in the war in the Persian Gulf (a) how many were printed (b) how many were mailed (c) what was the per unit cost of printing (d) who did the printing (e) what were the total mailing costs (f) what was the cost of (i) designing the certificates (ii) stuffing the envelopes (iii) assembling the list of recipients?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence): (a) 1,600

(b) 700

(c) \$1.75 per certificate

(d) Department of Supply and Services

(e) Approximately \$300. Most were one package with multiple certificates enclosed.

(f) (i) Approximately 1.5 hours were spent by DND personnel as a part of their normal duties.

(ii) Approximately 2 hours were spent by DND personnel as a part of their normal duties.

(iii) Approximately 3 hours were spent by DND personnel as a part of their normal duties.

Question No. 141—**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):**

With respect to the \$36 million naval reserve base that is planned for Pointe-à-Carcy, Quebec, what is (a) the number of trainees it is expected to handle (b) the number of full-time military and civilian employees it will have (c) the number and type of new facilities that will have to be built to complete it (d) the expected annual operating budget?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence): The naval reserve facility at Pointe-à-Carcy, Quebec, will house three organizations: The Naval Reserve Headquarters, HMCS Montcalm and the Canadian Forces Fleet School Quebec.

(a) Canadian Forces Fleet School Quebec and HMCS Montcalm are expected to handle up to 1,500 trainees a year.