

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Wenman: Madam Speaker, I was just getting to the portion of the petition that prays or hopes. These petitioners hope that in the Chair's examination of their petition, you will find it in order, will heed the urgency and desperation of their plea and will use the discretionary powers vested in your office, Madam Speaker, to allow discussion and referral to a committee at the earliest possible moment.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**MEASURE TO ABOLISH WRITS OF ASSISTANCE**

Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-645, to abolish writs of assistance.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Lawrence: Madam Speaker, writs of assistance are extraordinary powers which have been given for life to certain officers of both the RCMP and the Department of National Revenue under four federal statutes: the Food and Drugs Act, the Narcotic Control Act, the Customs Act and the Excise Tax Act. This bill will not only abolish the authority for the issuance of writs of assistance, but it will also abolish the use of writs of assistance.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3,098, 3,275, 3,308 and 3,314.

[Text]

ACQUISITION OF SHARES BY DEFENCE CONSTRUCTION (1951) LTD.

Question No. 3,098—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. During the period 1970-80 did Defence Construction (1951) Limited acquire shares or other ownership interest in any other corporation, limited liability company or unincorporated company and, if so, what was the (a) name of the corporation, limited liability company or unincorporated company and any subsidiaries thereof (b) percentage of equity acquired (c) cost of acquisition (d) book value of the acquisition?

2. Does Defence Construction (1951) Limited have a plan to change the present portion of ownership in any of these enterprises and, if so, what is the plan?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): 1. No.

2. Not applicable.

MEDICAL RECORDS

Question No. 3,275—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Does the medical services of the Department of National Health and Welfare or the Department of National Defence medical centre provide information, documentation or interpretations to the Parliamentary Health Unit or other parliamentary offices in relation to illnesses reported by physicians on form NHW 500 concerning Members of Parliament or parliamentary staff?

2. To what extent are the operations and activities of the Parliamentary Health Unit concerning Members of Parliament and parliamentary staff supervised, co-ordinated or complemented by any government agency and are the channels and records of any such information, documentation or interpretations supplied or made accessible to other than duly-qualified physicians who are licenced provincially to practice medicine?

3. Are any of the data collected by or on behalf of the Parliamentary Health Unit or other parliamentary offices transmitted to the medical services of the department and, if so, for each of the past five years, do they reflect increases or decreases in the incidence of illnesses and related sick leave absenteeism and what are the relevant figures?

4. What disposition is ultimately made and at what point is the disposition made of forms NHW 500 completed by private doctors for their patients who are Members of Parliament or parliamentary staff and what are any statistical records or analyses compiled therefrom?

5. Will the government include provision in the estimates for qualified physicians to be responsible and accountable for the Parliamentary Health Unit?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. No.

3. The answer to the first part of the question is no. The second part, therefore, does not apply.

2, 4 and 5. These matters fall under the jurisdiction of the Speaker of the House of Commons. The hon. member should therefore address these questions to the Speaker.

MR. J. R. GAUDET

Question No. 3,308—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is a complete history of employment in the Public Service of Mr. J. R. Gaudet?

2. Is he presently employed as a counsellor with the Department of Employment and Immigration in Prescott, Ontario, in the constituency of Leeds-Grenville and, if so, what are his duties?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. In so far as the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission/department records indicate, the reply is:

December 4, 1972—Appointed on a term basis as a CR 6 senior examining officer at the Toronto International Airport;

March 30, 1973—Tenure of employment changed from term to indeterminate status;

April 1, 1976—Position and incumbent reclassified to the PM 1 level;

March 3, 1977—Promoted to the PM 2 level as an immigration counsellor, Canada Immigration Centre, Prescott.

2. Yes. Mr. Gaudet is presently employed as an immigration counsellor at the PM 2 level at the Canada Immigration Centre, Prescott.

His duties are to select and counsel prospective immigrants in Canada and to assess applications by Canadian citizens or residents for sponsorship of relatives; to control and prevent