

*Order Paper Questions*

## ASSISTANCE TO NEWSPAPERS IN PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

Question No. 2,323—**Mr. Herbert:**

For each of the past five years, by province (a) what amount was granted by the Department of the Secretary of State to assist English newspapers in Quebec and French newspapers in the other provinces and territories?

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):**

Official Language Minority Groups  
Assistance to the Official Language Minority Press  
Fiscal years 1976-77 to 1980-81

- (a) Amounts granted to associations representing the official language minority press for administration, co-ordination and training:

| Fiscal year | Outside Quebec  | In Quebec  |
|-------------|---|--|
|             | Association de la presse francophone hors Québec<br>(founded in 1976) | Association des media régionaux anglophones du Québec<br>(founded in 1978) |
| 1976-1977   | \$ 23,900   |  |
| 1977-1978   | 30,000  | \$ 4,805*  |
| 1978-1979   | 52,508  | 8,790*   |
| 1979-1980   | 87,100  | 35,305   |
| 1980-1981   | 187,000   | 40,335   |

\* To McDonald College for research into the official language minority press in Quebec  
(1977-1978: \$4,805; 1978-1979: \$6,790).

- (b) Amounts granted to official language minority newspapers through non-profit organizations for advertising and technical assistance:

| Provinces            | Fiscal Year |           |           |           |           |
|----------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                      | 1976-1977   | 1977-1978 | 1978-1979 | 1979-1980 | 1980-1981 |
| Newfoundland         |             | \$ 5,000  |           |           |           |
| Prince Edward Island |             | 15,330    | \$ 13,676 | \$ 13,400 | \$ 11,754 |
| Nova Scotia          |             | 15,330    | 13,676    | 13,400    | 11,094    |
| New Brunswick        | \$25,000    | 46,000    | 179,704   | 111,800   | 148,716   |
| Quebec               |             | 4,805     | 6,000     | 99,450    | 69,840    |
| Ontario              |             | 107,350   | 95,732    | 110,100   | 96,400    |
| Manitoba             |             | 15,330    | 13,676    | 13,400    | 11,754    |
| Saskatchewan         |             | 15,000    | 13,676    | 13,400    | 11,754    |
| Alberta              |             | 15,330    | 13,676    | 6,600     | 11,754    |
| British Columbia     |             | 15,330    | 13,676    | 13,400    | 11,754    |

## LEGAL WORK WITHIN LEEDS-GRENVILLE CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 2,360—**Mr. Cossitt:**

What are the names of all lawyers and/or legal firms receiving or who have received payment from the government for legal work within the constituency of Leeds-Grenville since the government took office following the 1980 general election and, in each case, what was the amount?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development):**

| Names                                  | Amount      |
|--|-------------|
| Anderson, C. D. (Brockville)           | \$ 5,280.50 |
| Barr, R. A. (Brockville)               | \$10,316.60 |
| Childs, Philip (Kemptville)            | \$ 1,404.93 |
| Fraser, Duncan F. (Brockville)         | \$ 545.04   |
| Hart, Hugh R. (Brockville)             | \$ 571.64   |
| Laushway, Barry (Prescott)             | \$ 3,387.75 |
| O'Shaughnessy, Michael J. (Brockville) | \$ 217.10   |
| Tobin, Richard M. (Prescott)           | \$ 3,288.52 |
| Warren, Edward (Kemptville)            | \$ 210.00   |

## MINERAL SELENIUM

Question No. 2,377—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Department of National Health and Welfare aware of theories advanced by certain doctors, particularly in the United States, that the mineral selenium has shown evidence of (a) preventing heart attacks (b) building up body immunity to a number of forms of cancer?

2. Has the department knowledge as to whether or not there is validity to the theories that the mineral has such effects if given in dosages of 50 to 200 micrograms daily and what research was carried out in Canada?

**Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):**

1. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

2. Minimum daily requirement for Canadians has not been definitely established because selenium deficiency in humans is virtually nonexistent in this country, except in extreme pathological states or very bizarre diets. Almost any balanced Canadian diet would provide selenium in the range of 50 to 200 micrograms daily. Research in Canada has mainly been done in animals which have a higher selenium requirement and can develop deficiencies. Epidemiological studies have been done, attempting to correlate varying levels of selenium in foods and water supplies in different parts of the country with disease states of the local residents, with little success.

[English]

**Mr. Beatty:** Madam Speaker, for the fourth time I want to bring to the attention of the parliamentary secretary question No. 1,852, which was placed on the order paper by me six months ago as of tomorrow. That was on December 9, 1980. It is a very simple question which I have brought to the attention of the parliamentary secretary on three previous occasions. On each occasion I have received the assurance from the government that every conceivable action would be taken to get a speedy response.

In view of the fact that this question deals now with the former chairman of the Canadian Film Development Corporation, whose term in office has expired while I have been waiting for the government's answer, and in view of the fact that he is no longer in the government's employ, the government should have no cause for any further delay. Why has the parliamentary secretary been incapable of getting the Secretary of State to supply an answer to what is a very simple question?