

Order Paper Questions

[English]

Madam Speaker: I want to make it clear to the House that yes, the motion was proposed by the hon. parliamentary secretary and I believe that he read it. I understood that he was reading it so that hon. members would be aware of what it contained. I assume that hon. members could not give their unanimous consent without knowing what it contained.

I have no knowledge of any negotiations that might have taken place before hon. members came to this House. The hon. parliamentary secretary has given the House an idea of what the motion contained, but it had not been put to the House by the Chair. That now requires the unanimous consent of the House.

Does the House give the hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice unanimous consent to put his motion?

Some hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: The hon. parliamentary secretary does not have unanimous consent.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I want it to be very clearly understood that we are prepared to have this matter debated in the House today and referred to the committee today.

Madam Speaker: Order, please. The motion is not before the House. There has been no unanimous consent.

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● (1530)

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. 2,748, 3,161, 3,310 and 3,765.

[Text]

MR. MAURICE MacDONALD

Question No. 2,748—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the RCMP, in company with Calgary City Police, at any time raid the home of Mr. Maurice MacDonald, a shooting instructor and gun collector, and, if so (a) was his home ransacked (b) were his firearms seized by the RCMP (c) what was the purpose of the exercise and who authorized it?

2. Was Mr. MacDonald suspected of a crime and (a) if so, what was it (b) if not, for what reason was he treated in that fashion?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): 1. A member of the RCMP in company with the Calgary City Police attended the home of Mr. Maurice MacDonald. (a) His home was not ransacked. (b) His firearms were not seized by the RCMP. (c) The purpose of the exercise was to obtain evidence that a crime had been committed acting under the authority of a search warrant obtained by Calgary City Police.

2. Yes. (a) Theft—Section 292 of the Criminal Code. (b) Not applicable.

PROMOTION OF TELEPOST

Question No. 3,161—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did Mr. R. Michael Warren, president of the Canada Post Corporation, send out CNCP communications to various people headed "A message from Canada Post Corporation" and, if so (a) what was the cost to the taxpayer (b) how many persons received the message dated October 15, 1981, and in what categories did they fall (c) for what reason was the message not sent by regular mail and was one reason that Mr. Warren believed regular mail to be too slow (d) does the message fall into the category of a propaganda exercise for the benefit of the corporation and in what way could it possibly contribute to improving the postal service?

2. Was it essential that the message be sent with haste and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. Yes, a message was sent via Telepost. (a) Costs were underwritten as a joint project of Canada Post and CNCP Telecommunications.

(b) It was addressed to about 1,000 mayors and reeves of Ontario communities as well as members of the provincial legislature and Ontario members of the House of Commons.

(c) and (d) The message, as a joint project of Canada Post and CNCP Telecommunications, was sent as a low profile promotion of the product "Telepost" which is a co-operative business venture of the two corporate bodies.

2. Not applicable.

POLICING AGREEMENT WITH PROVINCES AND MUNICIPALITIES

Question No. 3,310—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. For the fiscal year 1981-82, what is the estimated number of person-years to be allocated to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for duties paid in whole or in part by provinces and municipalities?

2. What is the estimated cost to the government for the provision of this service and what amount is expected to be received from the provinces and municipalities who request and obtain such service from the RCMP?

3. What is the duration of the agreement covering this service?

4. Were estimates prepared of the expenses and revenues for the period of the agreement and, if so, what were the amounts?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): 1. Provincial, 6,953; municipal, 2,824.

2. Estimated Total Cost:	\$412,383,000
Estimated Revenues from provinces and municipalities:	\$285,831,000

This covers a 15-month period (October 1, 1980 to December 31, 1981) due to a change in billing procedure and is a one-time occurrence in 1981-82.

3. Ten years.

4. Estimates of expenditures and revenues for the ten-year duration of the Policing Agreements with the Provinces and Municipalities have not been completed.