

Order Paper Questions

tions by various members that were on the early order paper. I have some that go back two years on the order paper. These are questions concerning travel by cabinet ministers on government aircraft for their own personal use. There are also questions concerning ministers' car allowances for cars they do not have.

There are other various important things which have not been brought in, as we were assured they would be. Before this session adjourns this afternoon, it is time for us to have a complete and utter explanation from this government as to why they wshed out on a promise, given at least five times in this House, that we would be given answers to questions which the Canadian people are entitled to have.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Cossitt: I should like to cite one further example which may seem somewhat frivolous. I raised on a previous occasion one question which the Minister of Transport had not answered, concerning the five pretty girls who came in on a government aircraft behind him on a government aircraft from Saskatoon. For over a year he had not answered that question. He said that the answer has been ready for months. That was three months ago. Where is the answer?

Mr. Alexander: Who were the girls?

Mr. Cossitt: In conclusion, all these things involving expense by cabinet ministers to the Canadian people for which we, as members of parliament, and all the citizens of Canada are paying from our pocketbooks, should be made known to this House. The government has played around with the truth and has withheld information.

Mr. Alexander: Shame.

Mr. Cossitt: If it were not unparliamentary, I would say the parliamentary secretary to the minister, and the Deputy Prime Minister, have lied to this House. But because it is unparliamentary, I will not say it.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Goodale: It is also untrue.

Mr. Cossitt: The truth hurts.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Paproski: That is why we have a new parliamentary secretary.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, in support of the numerous questions I have answered a few minutes ago, I have here two boxes of papers which will be tabled and many of those have the answers to the questions asked by the hon. member. If he could only wait for these papers to be available and read them, he would receive an answer to the very numerous questions that he himself has asked. I still appeal to his courtesy and his

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patience and also to his common sense and hope he realizes that I was sworn in at 10 o'clock this very morning. This afternoon I answered some 500 questions. I would appreciate it if he were to ask again the questions to which he has not yet received an answer. They will be on the order paper tomorrow and we will make a particular effort to provide accurate and comprehensive answers.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. BLACKBURN—MINISTERS AND BACKBENCHERS
TRAVELLING ON GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT

Mr. Blackburn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. It is my understanding that three Liberal backbenchers and three cabinet ministers are flying to Brantford this evening, which is in my constituency. On a political junket such as this, I should like to know if it is proper for those three members and those three cabinet ministers to be travelling on government aircraft.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps that is information which can be sought at some other time, but it certainly does not constitute a question of privilege.

An hon. Member: The ghost of Otto Lang lives.

MR. GOODALE—MRS. CAMPAGNOLO—POSSIBLE QUESTION OF
PRIVILEGE RESPECTING MR. COSSITT'S REMARKS

Mr. Goodale: Mr. Speaker, with reference to the remarks made just moments ago by the hon. member for Leeds, at this stage I should like to reserve the opportunity to raise a question of privilege tomorrow with respect to what he said. I should like to check carefully the report of his language in *Hansard* to determine if my privileges as a member of this House have been breached.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mrs. Campagnolo: Mr. Speaker, I should like to reply to the statement made by the hon. member for Leeds. Indeed, the question was answered concerning the "five pretty girls". I would like him to know that they were my staff and myself.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Campagnolo: There were four, and not five. He is ill-equipped to tell the difference between girls and women, as he is ill-equipped to tell the facts as to why most of these women travelled on business which was essential to the people of Canada.