

in Canada. In this regard, both Canadian and foreign-owned firms are given the opportunity to bid on all government requirements. In the case of guard services, the companies involved and their employees must possess a provincial government licence, issued by the authorities in the province in which the services are to be provided. The present policy has been and continues to be subject to periodic review to respond to changing environments in the security field.

3. No, see 2(b) above.

ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES

Question No. 1,767—**Mr. Stevens:**

For the current fiscal year, what are the estimated expenditures of the Cape Breton Development Corporation for (a) advertising (b) free or subsidized publications (c) other information conveyed to the public?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): I am informed by the Cape Breton Development Corporation as follows: (a) \$100,000, (b) \$40,000, (c) \$40,000.

Question No. 1,781—**Mr. Stevens:**

For the current fiscal year, what are the estimated expenditures of the Crown Assets Disposal Corporation for (a) advertising (b) free or subsidized publications (c) other information conveyed to the public?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):

- (a) Advertising and publications charged directly to major sales programs. \$ 164,000.
- Advertising for retail stores, image of the Corporation, recruitment and annual report. \$ 89,000.
- (b) None;
- (c) None.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR CERTAIN CONTRACTS

Question No. 1,853—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Does the Department of Supply and Services include in application forms for certain contracts, a request for a statement of assets of all those tendering and, if so (a) for what reason (b) will the government consider as a policy, asking for credit references in regard to potential clients rather than requesting disclosure of assets and stock values?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): The Department of Supply and Services requires all potential suppliers to complete a questionnaire in order to secure information on their legal, financial, technical and managerial capabilities for source listing purposes. The basic questionnaire includes a requirement for the supplier to provide a statement of its assets and inventory stocks.

- (a) The purpose of the request for assets and inventory stocks is to inform the department as to the relative capability of the firm to supply the requirements of the federal government.

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(b) The Department of Supply and Services continues to subscribe to the Dun & Bradstreet service which provides current ratings for many of the suppliers that do business with the government. However the Dun and Bradstreet ratings are only used on an exception basis as the normal means of protecting the government against loss in payments only upon delivery and acceptance of the goods. Thus the questionnaire is an essential part of the procurement process as it provides the basic sourcing information which the department uses to assess a supplier's legal, financial, technical and managerial capabilities.

FRAUDULENT GOVERNMENT CHEQUES CASHED

Question No. 1,859—**Mr. Herbert:**

- 1. During each of the past three years and in the current fiscal year to date, what was the total number and amount of fraudulent government cheques cashed?
- 2. What was the total amount of cheques cashed with chartered banks that the government did not proceed to collect through the courts?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. See list below. 2. None.

	Cheques Issued	Fraudulent Activity	Per cent
1977	113,015,409	8,023	.0071
1978	117,617,029	6,622	.0056
1979	126,045,607	8,087	.0064
1980 (to Oct 1)	92,627,747	4,025	.0043

	\$ Amounts		
	\$ Value Issued	Forged Amount	Per cent
1977	\$67,042,536,343.09	\$1,249,116.00	.0019
1978	\$74,033,794,049.40	\$1,117,118.00	.0015
1979	\$86,789,642,963.92	\$1,517,331.00	.0017
1980 (to Oct 1)	\$69,693,094,720.54	\$ 806,639.09	.0011

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

● (1520)

[English]

Mr. MacKay: Madam Speaker, may I just bring to the attention of the parliamentary secretary, following his answers to questions on the Order Paper, or lack of them, that on May 14 I put some questions with respect to the McDonald commission of inquiry, and I am sure he would agree with me that since May 14 there has been ample time to supply me with some of the information. I would request that he look into this matter as soon as he can.

Mr. Collenette: Madam Speaker, I will undertake to do that.