

Order Paper Questions

NATIONAL REVENUE—TAXATION—HALIFAX DISTRICT OFFICE

Question No. 1,336—Mr. MacKay:

1. How many Department of National Revenue (Taxation) field personnel are employed by the Halifax district office in the category of (a) basic file auditor (b) senior business file auditor (c) business file auditor (d) field auditor (e) special investigator (f) senior basic file investigators?

2. (a) What is the average meal, travel and incidental allowances provided such field personnel on a daily and weekly basis (b) what accounting procedure is used to verify the allowances (c) are the allowances taxable?

Hon. William Rompkey (Minister of National Revenue):

1. (a) 3
- (b) 6
- (c) 11
- (d) 19
- (e) 11
- (f) 0

2. (a) Allowances for employees when travelling:

Meals (per diem)—Up to \$19.25

Incidental expense (per diem)—\$4.60

Travel rates for authorized official use of private cars (Nova Scotia)

First 4,000 miles—25 cents per mile

Next 4,000 miles—21 cents per mile

Over 8,000 miles—18.5 cents per mile

Hotel costs average \$25.00 a day depending on location.

- (b) All accounting procedures for verifying allowances are governed by Treasury Board regulations and policies laid down in the Finance Administration Act. Each travel claim is, however, initially checked by the auditor's immediate supervisor and then authorized by the responsibility centre manager before being processed for payment.
- (c) No: they are reimbursement of expenses.

ALLIMOR CORPORATION

Question No. 1,499—Mr. Benjamin:

1. Under the terms of the lease between the government and Allimor Corporation signed in 1977 concerning the use of federal property for the business of the Confederation Place Hotel at Kingston, Ontario (a) how many square feet of property were leased to the corporation (b) what was the total annual rent for each year?

2. Were amendments made to the 1977 lease and/or was a new lease drawn up concerning the use of additional property by the corporation, and, if so, in each case (a) on what date (b) how many square feet of property was leased (c) what was the total annual rent (d) on what date was the corporation billed for the use of the additional property?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):

1. (a) 0.0471 hectares.
- (b) \$3,520 per annum for each of the first five years. Rent to be reviewed at end of each five-year period.
2. The lease is currently being amended:
 - (a) Effective December 1, 1979.
 - (b) 0.0951 hectares including the area in 1. (a).
 - (c) \$7,020 annually.
 - (d) The corporation will not be billed until the lease is executed.

All rent due has been paid to May 31, 1980.

[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.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS*[English]***THE CONSTITUTION**

ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS

The House resumed consideration from Thursday, October 9, 1980, of the motion of the Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development (Mr. Chrétien):

That a Special Joint Committee of the Senate and of the House of Commons be appointed to consider and report upon the document entitled "Proposed Resolution for a Joint Address to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada" published by the government on October 2, 1980, and to recommend in their report whether or not such an address, with such amendments as the committee considers necessary, should be presented by both Houses of Parliament to Her Majesty the Queen;

That 15 members of the House of Commons to be designated no later than three sitting days after the adoption of this motion be members on the part of this House of the Special Joint Committee;

That the committee have power to appoint from among its members such subcommittees as may be deemed advisable and necessary and to delegate to