

Order Paper Questions

er program is proceeding on that basis. It should also be noted that the Crown does have the option to dispose of the shares if it sees its way clear to guaranteeing the notes, in place of the role of underwriter by Merrill Lynch.

VICE-PRESIDENT OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

Question No. 1,848—**Mr. Crosbie:**

1. (a) What is the job classification level and salary range of the Vice-president of Corporate Communications of the Export Development Corporation (b) what are his terms of reference (c) what resources, in terms of staff and budget, are available to the Vice-president to assist him in carrying out his responsibilities?

2. (a) Did the EDC increase its advertising budget significantly in 1975 and, if so, for what reason (b) what are the specific objectives of the advertising programme, and what are the target audiences being sought (c) did EDC change the nature or objectives of any of its promotional or advertising programmes during 1978 and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as Export Development Corporation is concerned: 1. (a) By tradition and as a matter of commercial principle Crown corporations have not been required by parliament to answer detailed questions on their administration and operation, and in the case of Export Development Corporation, the Export Development Act places the responsibility for such matters on its board of directors. (b) Refer to 1 (a). (c) Refer to 1 (a).

2. (a) Refer to 1 (a); (b) Refer to 1 (a); (c) Refer to 1 (a).

PIC-NIC KITS

Question No. 1,849—**Mr. Epp:**

1. Is the government distributing Canada Week Pic-Nic Kits and, if so (a) who thought of the Pic-Nic Kit concept and for what reason (b) which firm designed and developed the Kit and how much were they paid?

2. How many were produced and (a) by which firm (b) at what cost per kit?

3. What items are included in the kit and are they all Canadian made?

4. Is the government charging for the kits and, if so, how much?

5. How many of the kits has the government sold and how many have been given away?

6. In order for Canada Week Committees to receive grants, must they order a proportionate number of the kits?

Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State): 1. The government is not involved in distributing pic-nic kits. This is an activity approved by the Festival Canada Committee, and sub-committee of the Council for Canadian Unity. The Canada Week Committee is a voluntary organization receiving grants from Festival Canada to support community inspired celebration during Canada Week. (a) Miss Robin Daly, student of design in Winnipeg designed the kit. Her idea was to encourage families to think of Canada while picnicking or camping. (b) Daly Communications, Winnipeg. No payment made for design.

2. 15,000 kits were produced. (a) By Daly Communications and Bulman Bros. (b) \$2.35 per kit.

3. Six plates; 1 table covering; Six knives—(all purchased locally); Six forks; Six spoons; Six napkins.

[Mr. Loiselle (Chambly).]

4. The government is not charging for the kits. The Canada Week Committee used 7,000 kits for 1978 and reserved 8,000 kits for the 1979 program.

5. Approximately 2,500 kits were given away as prizes and the remainder were sold for a total value of approximately \$23,000.

6. This is a local initiative under the control and supporting the activities of the Provincial Canada Week Committee.

RCMP OFFICERS

Question No. 1,850—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the government aware that a "Fly-In-Breakfast" was held at the Smiths Falls Airport on Sunday, June 4, 1978?

2. Did a Beaver Aircraft land in the earlier part of the day at Smiths Falls carrying two RCMP officers in uniform and one in plain clothes and, if so (a) for what reason were they there and what are the details of their visit (b) did they state to Mr. Russell Beach, President of the Canadian Airline Private Pilot's Association, that they were off-duty (c) were they off-duty and (i) if so, for what reason did they use a government aircraft and for what reason were two of them in uniform (ii) if not, for what reasons did they claim that they were?

3. On how many occasions in the past two years have members of the RCMP flown into airports where such events were being held and demanded to inspect aircraft log books etc., and what is the exact purpose for doing such things on occasions of this kind?

Mr. Rod Blaker (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General): 1. Yes.

2. The RCMP aircraft which landed at the Smiths Falls Airport at approximately 7:20 AM on Sunday, June 4, 1978 was a DHC-3 "Otter" aircraft. On board were two RCMP members, both in uniform, one being the NCO in charge of the RCMP Uplands "Air" Detachment, Ottawa and the other being a member undergoing training. There were no plain clothes personnel, RCMP or otherwise, aboard the aircraft. (a) The purpose of the flight was to combine a training session with a "public relations" stop at the Smiths Falls Airport. Following their arrival at the airport, the pilot and the trainee partook of the breakfast and, until approximately 11:00 AM, talked and mingled with the other people in attendance. The training portion of the flight was then resumed. (b) No, assuming that the Mr. Russell Beach referred to is the president of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association rather than president of the association referred to. (c) No. (i) Not applicable. (ii) Inasmuch as Mr. Russell Beach is not known to either of the two RCMP members personally, and as both members were on duty, the assertion that they claimed to be off-duty is unfounded.

3. To determine the number of occasions RCMP members may have flown into airports across Canada on similar occasions would entail an exhaustive search of records held at a multitude of RCMP detachments. In view of the man-hours this would expend, and considering the cost factor involved, the government does not feel justified in undertaking such a search at this time.