

Order Paper Questions

2. Date	Position	Salary \$
December 1, 1966	P.M.8 (S.X.1)* Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet	17,000—22,500
July 1, 1968	S.X.2—Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Plans)	19,000—24,750
August 1, 1969	S.X.3—Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Plans)	23,000—29,000
January 1, 1971	S.X.4—Senior Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Plans)	31,500—37,500
March 1, 1973	Deputy Minister, Consumer and Corporate Affairs	44,000—54,000

*General Public Service conversion.

3. Overall suitability of the individual's professional, academic and personal qualifications in relation to the job requirement.

APPOINTMENTS TO POSITIONS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Question No. 377—Mr. Cossitt:

Subsequent to the recent appointment of Mr. Michael Pitfield to the position of Clerk of the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet, will the Prime Minister be announcing additional appointments to high positions in the Public Service from among his friends, associates or relatives and (a) if so, what positions are involved and on what date will such appointments be announced (b) if not, does this mean that the Prime Minister will strictly adhere to the merit system in making all future appointments?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The question as postulated requires no answer. See reply to Question 513, *Hansard* No. 31, page 1282, dated November 13, 1974.

ABSENCE OF MR. MICHAEL PITFIELD FROM POST AS DEPUTY MINISTER

Question No. 445—Mr. Cossitt:

Since what date has Mr. Michael Pitfield been absent from his post as Deputy Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and (a) what is the purpose of such absence (b) until what exact date will it last (c) who are absolutely all those who authorized or recommended such absence and for what reason (d) what is Mr. Pitfield's exact annual salary in dollars (e) what exact amount in dollars is being deducted from his salary because of absence, on what exact date did such deduction commence and, if nothing is being deducted, for what reason?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. August 10, 1974. (a) Executive Development Leave Plan; (b) January 10, 1975; (c) The Executive Development Leave Plan established in December, 1972, permits executives, whether appointed by the Public Service Commission or by the Governor in Council, leave for the purpose of providing an opportunity for updating professional knowledge and skills. Among the approved uses of such leave periods is studying and/or teaching at an educational institution inside or outside Canada. Approval of such leave is on the authority of the deputy minister for executives appointed by the Public Service Commission and on the authority of the Prime Minister on the recommendation of the Secretary to the Cabinet and Clerk of the Privy Council for executives appointed by the Governor in Council. (d) DM-2, \$44,000 to \$54,000; (e) None, in accordance with the Executive Development Leave Plan.

EXPENSES PAID BY GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF MR. MICHAEL PITFIELD

Question No. 446—Mr. Cossitt:

What is the complete list of any expenses paid by the government on

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behalf of Mr. Michael Pitfield since April 20, 1968, including the nature and cost of each item and the total cost of all items?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): In so far as the Privy Council office is concerned for the period April 20, 1968 to March 1, 1973: Official Hospitality, \$1,885.58; Travel Expenses, \$14,754.14. In so far as Consumer and Corporate Affairs is concerned for the period March 1, 1973 to October 24, 1974: Official Hospitality, \$2,302.03; Travel Expenses, \$6,037.14; Executive Development Leave, \$2,163.63. Total for the period April 20, 1968 to October 24, 1974, \$27,142.52.

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION IN THE FIELD OF DRUGS

Question No. 511—Mr. Herbert:

1. Is the government concerned that provincial legislation in the field of drugs could have a harmful effect on the Canadian pharmaceutical industry and has this problem been discussed by the Minister of National Health and Welfare with provincial health ministers?

2. What assurances can be given to the management of pharmaceutical companies that will encourage the high research investments that can be so beneficial to the Canadian economy?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The government is concerned that a continuing supply of safe and effective drugs be available to Canadians. The field of drugs and provincial requirements was discussed at a Federal-Provincial Deputy Ministers of Health Conference on November 13 and 14, 1974.

2. The Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned about the impact of its programs on industry and the Canadian economy. For this reason, the Department maintains good contact with the pharmaceutical industry via their various associations and individual companies. Through such working contacts, the Department may obtain early assessments of the impact its programs will have and at the same time, give the best possible assurances to the pharmaceutical industry.

CMHC—OFFICE AND PERSONNEL IN CORNER BROOK, NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 574—Mr. Marshall:

1. Is the Minister of State for Urban Affairs considering the possibility of increasing the staff of the CMHC office in Corner Brook, Newfoundland and, if not, for what reason?

2. With regard to the population explosion in Stephenville, Newfoundland and the District of Port au Port, Newfoundland, is the Minister giving any consideration to establishing a CMHC office in the Port au Port area and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): 1. The numbers of staff in CMHC offices are kept