

LEGISLATION PERTAINING TO GIFTS RECEIVED BY PRIME
MINISTER AND CABINET MEMBERS

Question No. 2,210—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Prime Minister aware of the United States legislation making all gifts to a President, over fifty dollars in value, the property of the state?

2. Will the government introduce similar legislation pertaining to Prime Ministers and Members of the Cabinet and, if so, on what date?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): 1. Yes.

2. Not at this time. The government might, however, reconsider this decision following the examination of the general question of conflicts of interest of Members of Parliament by the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections to which I presume the hon. member will submit whatever constructive comments he may have to contribute.

COAL MINING IN YUKON AND NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Question No. 2,217—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

1. Has the government established guidelines for the (a) strip mining of coal (b) underground mining of coal (c) liquefaction or other uses of coal in the Yukon Territory or the Northwest Territories and (i) if so, what are such guidelines (ii) if not, on what date will such guidelines be established?

2. What agency of the government issues permits for the exploration of coal in the Yukon Territory or Northwest Territories (a) what is the cost and term of each such permit (b) what conditions are attached to each such permit (c) what companies held such permits as of April 1, 1975?

Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):

1. Presently the Territorial Coal Regulations provide for the administration and disposition of coal mining rights in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. A complete revision of this legislation is now being studied and it is hoped that new regulations will be enacted within one and a half to two years. Coal Mining in both Territories is also subject to the Land Use Regulations as well as the Territorial Safety Ordinances. Land reclamation is also being studied and may be included in the proposed coal regulations.

2. The Oil and Minerals Division, Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, administers the disposition of coal rights in both Territories. A coal permit to mine a maximum of 100 tons of coal is issued on a yearly basis at a fee of \$1 and covers an area of one acre. The permit provisions are, more or less, made for individuals, municipalities, educational or religious organizations for the private use of coal. There are no existing permits in good standing in either Territory. Coal Exploratory Licences are issued for a period of three years for a fee of \$10.00 on the conditions that the licensee will spend in exploratory work the following amounts: (a) first year—an amount by multiplying the number of acres in the licence area by 5 cents; (b) second year—an amount by multiplying the number of acres in the licence area by 10 cents; (c) third year—an amount by multiplying the number of acres in the licence area by 20 cents. Licences only grant the right to explore for coal within a designated area and production cannot commence until the licence has been granted a lease of a portion of the area (640 acres maximum). The following companies held permits as of April 1, 1975: Luscar Ltd.; Atlas Explorations Limited; Arjay Kirker

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Resources Ltd.; Master Explorations Ltd. (Manalta Coal); Arthur J. Sharpe (Manalta Coal); E. J. Panchysyn (Manalta Coal); Manalta Coal Ltd.; Welcome North Mines Ltd.; Ponjo Petroleum Ltd.; John S. Brock (Welcome North Mines); Echo Bay Mines Ltd.; John Zigarlick Jr. (Echo Bay Mines); Bert Savage; Jack Edgar (Bert Savage); Resource Ltd.; Guy B. Allen (Resource Ltd.).

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

MINISTRY OF STATE FOR URBAN AFFAIRS—TRAVEL
EXPENDITURES

Question No. 704—**Mr. Stevens:**

1. In each fiscal year ending March 31, 1972, 1973 and 1974, and for the six month period ending September 30, 1974, what was the aggregate expenditure by the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs for travel abroad by (a) the Minister of State for Urban Affairs and his immediate staff (b) departmental staff (c) the staff of boards, commissions, tribunals, Crown corporations or other similar agencies reporting to the Minister (d) others whose expenses were paid in part or in whole directly or indirectly by the government?

2. In the case of an expenditure in excess of \$200 (a) what was the purpose of the foreign trip (b) what was the furthest destination (c) what is the name of the person(s) who took the trip (d) how long was the person(s) outside the country (e) what was the nature of the expenditure (f) how many others were in the party making the trip?

Return tabled.

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

[English]

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

CABINET COMMUTATION OF COURT SENTENCES

Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, I move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of debating a matter of grave concern requiring immediate and urgent consideration, namely:

1. That several convicted murderers have been sentenced to hang very shortly;

2. That, in certain defined circumstances, the Governor in Council has power to commute the death penalty;

3. That the application of this power may be exercised, as in the past decade;