

Order Paper Questions

Q.C., G. Hayes Murphy; Orangeville—H. Clark Adams, Q.C.; Owen Sound—Telford and Van Wyck. Where actions are settled prior to trial, the costs are paid by the borrower and Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has no records of the amounts.

2, 3, and 4. The Minister of Justice, in accordance with the responsibilities imposed upon him by his position, recommends from time to time names of legal agents across Canada who are best able to perform the legal work that the Government of Canada or certain of its agencies may require to have done. All governments have observed the unchallenged principle that the choice of agents to act on behalf of the Minister rests with him, and that the criterion for appointment is one of competence. Advice on appointment of legal agents is taken from numerous sources including, at times, local bar societies. The final choice of legal agents is simply a matter of judgment, and there is no single set procedure for receiving recommendations. Present practice with respect to CMHC is that, with the approval of the Minister of Justice, the Minister of State for Urban Affairs from time to time provides CMHC with the names of legal agents who might be employed by CMHC in various municipalities throughout Canada.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—PARLIAMENTARY RETURNS OFFICE

Question No. 2,054—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

In the last fiscal year, what was the cost of operation of the Parliamentary Returns Office of the Department of National Defence?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The Parliamentary Returns Office of the Department of National Defence operates as a subunit within the Directorate General of Information which is responsible for a wide range of information functions and duties. It is not possible to separate costs for Parliamentary Returns work from the overall operating cost of this directorate.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE—PARLIAMENTARY RETURNS OFFICE

Question No. 2,057—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

In the last fiscal year, what was the cost of operation of the Parliamentary Returns Office of the Office of the Prime Minister?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): There is no Parliamentary Returns Office as such in the Prime Minister's Office and the Privy Council Office. Parliamentary Returns are handled by the office of the Director of Administration, Privy Council Office.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE—PARLIAMENTARY RETURNS OFFICE

Question No. 2,058—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

In the last fiscal year, what was the cost of operation of the Parliamentary Returns Office of the Privy Council Office?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): There is no Parliamentary Returns Office as such in the Prime Minister's Office and the Privy Council Office. Parliamentary Returns are handled by the office of the Director of Administration, Privy Council Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOLICITOR GENERAL—PARLIAMENTARY RETURNS OFFICE

Question No. 2,062—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

In the last fiscal year, what was the cost of operation of the Parliamentary Returns Office of the Department of the Solicitor General?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): The Parliamentary Returns Office is not a separate entity but operates as a unit within the Ministry Secretariat which reports to the Deputy Minister. It is not possible to separate costs for Parliamentary Returns work from the overall operating cost of the Secretariat. The foregoing reply is applicable also to those persons to whom the Heads of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Penitentiary Service and the National Parole Board have delegated responsibility in relation to Parliamentary Returns.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT

Question No. 2,142—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Is it the intention of the government that the Post Office Department be financially self-supporting and (a) if so, by what date is it intended to reach that objective (b) if not, to what extent is it intended to subsidize the Department over the next few years?

2. Is it planned to subsidize specific sectors of the economy by low mail rates and, if so, what are the priorities and will the matter of Canadian or foreign ownership be a consideration?

Mr. Raynald Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Postmaster General): 1. The Post Office Act under which the Post Office Department is managed contains no reference to financial self-sufficiency nor does current government policy call for this achievement. (a) Not applicable; (b) The funds required to meet anticipated expenses each year are voted by Parliament after consideration of departmental estimates. Major postage rates are also set by Statute. The extent by which expenditures may exceed revenues is, therefore, at the discretion of Parliament.

2. There is no specific policy to subsidize, by low mail rates, specific sectors of the economy. The excess of expenditures over revenues for the department is regarded as a necessary cost of providing postal service to all citizens rather than a subsidy to specific mailers. The effect of Canadian or foreign ownership on rates will be a matter for Parliament to decide.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE AND ROYAL ROADS MILITARY COLLEGE—BILINGUALISM

Question No. 2,174—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What are all the reasons that the government has designated the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, bilingual?

2. What are all the reasons that the government has not yet designated Royal Roads Military College, Victoria, British Columbia, bilingual?

3. What are all the reasons that one college is being treated differently than the other to date?

4. What part has politics played in this situation?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. The decision to extend instruction in both of the official languages at the Royal Military College is consistent with the implementation and development of Government policy on bilingualism.