

out the consent of both parties. To the knowledge of the Department of Transport, Blue Line has not consented to such release, either during the term of the agreement or since its termination.

- (b) The question refers to payments by Blue Line to the Crown. As Blue Line is not a publicly-owned operation, this subquestion does not appear applicable.
- (c) The government will not release the information in question without the consent of Blue Line.

GENERAL MOTORS

Question No. 1,459—Mr. Deans:

1. From 1965 to June 1980, how many orders in council were issued affecting General Motors and its subsidiaries operating in Canada and what was the actual wording of each order in council?
2. What amount of customs duty was remitted for each order submitted concerning General Motors and its subsidiaries?
3. What were the commitments from General Motors and its subsidiaries in exchange for remitting each customs duty?
4. Did General Motors and its subsidiaries meet each commitment?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: no orders in council were issued to General Motors by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE

Question No. 1,705—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the government receive any funds for payment of the swimming pool at the official residence of the Prime Minister at 24 Sussex Drive and, if so, in what manner?
2. (a) Were such funds made by (i) cash (ii) cheque or cheques and, in either case, who gave the money or who signed the cheque or cheques (b) did the name of any organization appear on the cheque or cheques, specifically the Liberal Party of Canada and, if so, was there any obligation under the law to report such disbursements and the origin of such disbursements in existence at the time they occurred?
3. On what date was each amount received and who received it on behalf of the government?
4. Were records kept of any cheque or cheques and, if so, what was the (a) name of the bank (b) number of the bank account (c) actual address of the branch of the specific bank (d) name of the holder of any account involved?
5. What are the details of all or any knowledge possessed by the government in regard to sources of funds for building the swimming pool and is there any method by which the government can determine whether any of the individual donors could have been considered in any manner as being in conflict of interest?

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): See replies to questions Nos. 1,233, answered October 28, 1975, *Hansard* page 8611; 1,294, answered July 14, 1975, *Hansard* page 7529; 2,211, answered May 20, 1975, *Hansard* page 5919; 2,691, answered July 22, 1975, *Hansard* page 7813; 2,692, answered October 14, 1975, *Hansard* page 8136; 2,773, answered October 14, 1975, *Hansard* page 8147; 3,323, answered November 7, 1975, *Hansard* page 8959.

Order Paper Questions

Question No. 1,706—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the Department of Public Works have any connection with the construction of a swimming pool along with its surroundings and contents at the official residence of the Prime Minister at 24 Sussex Drive during the term of office of the Prime Minister and, if so (a) what is a detailed description of all such connections (b) what are the names of all persons in the department who had any connection with the matter?
2. Can the department absolutely assure the Canadian people that any donors involved were not in conflict of interest?
3. (a) What was the name of the contractor and the names of all subcontractors (b) what were the dates, amounts of all payments made to the general contractor or subcontractors and for what work?
4. Did Mr. William Teron, former head of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, have any connection with the project and, if so, in what way?
5. Does the department have any knowledge of the identity of the donors and, if so, does it know from whom any of the money was received and on what dates?
6. (a) What was the full cost of everything connected with the construction of the swimming pool (b) did any money come from public funds and, if so (i) what was the amount (ii) what is a detailed explanation?

Hon. Yvon Pinard (President of the Privy Council): See reply to question No. 1,705 answered this day.

PERSONS GIVING FINANCIAL GIFTS TO GOVERNMENT

Question No. 1,707—Mr. Cossitt:

1. What are the names and addresses of all persons who gave financial gifts to the government between January 1, 1973 and December 31, 1975 and, in each case, what was the (a) amount (b) purpose of the gift?
2. What are all of the details of how the money was spent?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): 1 and 2. The information requested in this inquiry is not available through any records retained in finance branch, services administration, or filed in Archives on its behalf. No record has been kept of detailed documentation supporting the Public Account preparation prior to the 1976-77 fiscal year. The only reported amount available starts with the fiscal year 1974-75. In the working papers for Public Accounts, there is a combined total for "Donations to the Crown" of \$29,454. However, this cannot be broken down by individual donations and would include a significant amount from anonymous donors.

This lack of detail makes it impossible to identify the purpose of the gifts as requested in part 1(b) of the inquiry. If however, no restriction were attached to the donations, as is generally the case, they would be deposited into the Consolidated Revenue Fund to become part of the total cash available to the government. This would, in essence be the response to part 2 of the inquiry.

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

Question No. 1,808—Mr. Herbert:

What percentage of repair and maintenance contracts were awarded by Defence Construction (1951) Limited on a fixed-price basis?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): All repair and maintenance con-