

2. The government believes that the CBC's own standards and directives are adequate to ensure that objective reporting is maintained.

CBC—INQUIRIES BY MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Question No. 3,723—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Does CBC maintain a Parliamentary Liaison Officer in Ottawa for purposes of dealing with inquiries from Members of Parliament and, if so, does this individual assist in the preparation of answers to questions on the Order Paper concerning CBC?

2. For what reason have answers been declined in regard to CBC in many cases on the grounds that it is not the customary policy to reveal such information?

3. Is the government prepared to (a) establish a policy of allowing full answers to questions pertaining to CBC (b) make public the names and salaries of all persons involved with any CBC news programme or public affairs programme if such information is requested by a Member of Parliament?

4. Has secrecy been applied to many aspects of CBC operations when questions have been placed on the Order Paper and such information has been refused and, if so, for what reason?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. The CBC maintains a Parliamentary liaison service which coordinates the preparation of answers to questions on the Order Paper concerning CBC.

2. See reply to parts (a) and (b) of Question No. 2,530, May 22, 1975.

3 and 4. See reply to part (c) of Question No. 2,530, May 22, 1975.

CBC—USE OF NEWS ITEMS FILED BY PARLIAMENTARY BUREAU

Question No. 3,773—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What are the (a) names (b) job designations (c) annual salaries of all persons employed by CBC in Toronto who have jurisdiction of any kind in regard to what news items filed by the Parliamentary Bureau of CBC in Ottawa are used or not used in CBC radio and television newscasts?

2. In each case (a) on what date were they hired by CBC (b) what previous positions, if any, did they hold with CBC (c) what previous experience, if any, did they have with any other news media?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. (a), (b), (c), and 2. It has not been customary to require the CBC to provide the names of individual staff members, their employment histories or salaries. (The background of this custom is explained in detail in the reply to Question No. 2,530, May 22, 1975). For information about the line of responsibility within the CBC News department, see the answer to Question No. 548, October 23, 1974.

CONSOLIDATION OF SPACE USED BY CANADA COUNCIL

Question No. 3,775—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Will the Canada Council within the next year expand the space it occupies in the La Promenade Building on Sparks Street, Ottawa and, if so (a) for what reason (b) how many additional square feet will it

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occupy (c) in what way is this consistent with the government's declared policy of restraint and non-expansion of the Public Service?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: The Canada Council presently occupies space in three separate buildings located at 222 Queen St., 85 Albert St. and 151 Sparks St. (La promenade). Time and money would be saved by consolidating operations in a single building. This option is now being considered by the Council but no decision has been reached.

CBC—COVERAGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA GENERAL ELECTION

Question No. 3,823—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. On the Saturday following the British Columbia general election did CBC national television news carry a sequence on the loser, Mr. Barrett and, if so, what amount of air time was devoted to the item?

2. Was a sequence carried on the same programme of the winner, Mr. Bennett and, if not, for what reason?

3. Does this lack of balanced coverage indicate a policy of certain CBC personnel applying their personal political views to the news rather than balanced reporting of the news?

4. What are the names and job designations of all persons involved in compiling the items that appeared on this particular edition of the national television news?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. On Saturday, December 13, The National carried a one minute, 42 second report on the defeat of the NDP government in British Columbia, not specifically on Mr. Barrett.

2. Not on December 13. Coverage of Mr. Bennett on The National immediately before and after the election was as follows: December 10, a one minute, 37 second report on the strong possibility that he would become the next Premier of British Columbia; December 11, reports on the election, updated in each time zone, all including sequences with both leaders; December 12, a two minute, two second report on the results of the election, including footage of Social Credit victory celebrations and a statement by Mr. Bennett.

3. CBC does not agree that there was a lack of balanced coverage.

4. It has not been customary to require the CBC to provide such information about its staff. The background of this custom is explained in detail in the reply to Question No. 2,530, May 22, 1975.

CBC—NATIONAL TELEVISION NEWS, DECEMBER 15, 1975

Question No. 3,824—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. On CBC national television news on December 15, 1975, did CBC give coverage to comments of the federal NDP leader on the matter of certain remarks made by the United States Ambassador to Canada, William Porter, on United States-Canadian relations and, if so, what amount of time was allotted?

2. Did the same programme give any coverage to comments on the same subject made by the federal leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and, if not, for what reason?

3. Are CBC officials aware that CTV national news appearing at the same hour provided coverage of the comments of both party leaders?

4. What are all the reasons for this unbalanced CBC news coverage and what are the names and job designations of all those involved in