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\*SUPPLY OF LEATHER DESK CALENDARS

Question No. 973—**Mr. Irvine:**

1. Regarding the 1968 leather desk calendars purchased by or supplied to the Department of Manpower and Immigration (a) what parts of these calendars were made in the U.S.A. and at what cost (b) what parts of these calendars were made in Canada and at what cost?

2. Why were tenders not called?
3. What was the purpose of the purchase?

**Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):**

The answer to this question is as follows: 1. (a) Calendar backs were imported from the U.S.A. for 4,606 of the 5,606 calendars in question, at a cost to the Canadian company of \$350.75. (b) 1,000 calendars were completely made in Canada at a cost of \$404.25. For the balance of the calendars (4,606) all embossing, die cutting, finishing, printing date pads and envelopes were supplied from Canadian manufacture at a cost of \$1,403.01.

2. The initial order involved 1,000 calendars at a total cost of \$404.25. The second order was for 4,606 calendars at a total cost of \$1,753.76. Price quotations appeared reasonable for these purchases and therefore formal tenders were not invited.

3. The calendars were purchased as a convenient reminder to employers about the services of Canada manpower centres.

ARMED FORCES HOUSING FACILITIES  
SOEST, GERMANY

Question No. 983—**Mr. Skoreyko:**

1. Who is in charge of housing facilities for the Canadian Armed Forces personnel in Soest, Germany?

2. What procedures are followed to insure adequate housing facilities for Service personnel and their families, what are the rents paid, and are the rents checked to see that they are fair?

3. What medical services, doctors, hospitals, etc., are provided for Service personnel and their families, by whom and at what cost to the family unit?

4. What facilities are provided to the Canadian personnel overseas by Maple Leaf Services, and does Maple Leaf Services operate at a profit or a loss?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** 1 and 2. The commander, Canadian Forces Base, Soest, Germany, who administers a housing office to assist Canadian servicemen to obtain accommodation of a suitable standard. A high percentage of the off-base economy housing occupied by Canadian families is retained within the Canadian inventory

[Mr. Cantin.]

and passed on to incoming families. However, the housing staff are continually seeking suitable accommodation on behalf of the servicemen. When a new acquisition is available for rental the housing supervisor assesses the rental value and negotiates a fair rental price with the landlord. This has served to control rental prices and prevent servicemen from bidding against one another for accommodation. Off-site accommodation is classified as follows: Class A—Good accommodation, well furnished, all normal facilities. Maximum rent \$27-\$30 per room. Class B—Average accommodation, suitably furnished, normal facilities. Maximum rent \$24-\$27 per room. Class C—Poor accommodation, adequately furnished, basic facilities. Maximum rent \$18-\$24 per room.

3. Service personnel are provided medical care by their unit medical officers. When necessary, x-ray, laboratory investigations or minor hospital care can be provided within the garrison area by the medical reception station. Definitive hospital care, including major surgery, is carried out at the British military hospital, Iserlohm, where approximately half the professional and nursing staff is provided by the Canadian Forces medical services. In so far as dependants are concerned, medical care is provided at the Soest dependants' clinic which is staffed by Canadian Forces medical service personnel and civilian registered nurses employed by the Department of National Defence. In addition a duty medical officer is on call at all times for emergencies, and a 24-hour ambulance service is available. Complete general hospital inpatient facilities are provided at the British medical hospital, Iserlohm. However, dependants have a choice of accepting the care provided by the department or seeking medical care from civilian German doctors and undergoing hospitalization in German hospitals. There is no charge for care received by a Canadian serviceman from the Department of National Defence medical facilities. Charges for dependants are levied in accordance with a scale provided by the group surgical medical insurance plan. A married serviceman without children pays \$1.36 monthly for the GSMIP and \$3.25 for the outside Canada coverage plan. A married serviceman with a family pays \$2.04 monthly, plus \$5.20. A serviceman with this coverage is normally left with only a small portion of the hospital charges, if any, for the hospitalization of a dependant.