

### Order Paper Questions

far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

(a) The reason for increase is not volume of expenditures but presentation format. In 1978-79 all expenditures over \$2,000 were listed in the public accounts for professional and special services. In 1979-80, only items over \$25,000 were listed as per Receiver General Directive 1980-2, therefore a greater number of items were included in the other types of services category.

(b) Account—Other Types of Services 1979-80	Amount
Fees—private schools	\$ 13,256
Simultaneous interpretation costs	1,635
Translation services contracts	21,495
Bilingual training expense	20,417
Medical and health care expenses	7,766
Special health care expenses	16,615
Credit reports	29
Safe storage of effects	723
Long-term storage—effects	257
Research services	3,891
Public relations services	9,348
Promotional gifts	14,181
	\$109,613

#### (c) Contracts over \$2,000.

Public relations services—Procom, Toronto, Ont.—\$4,988; Translation services contracts—Hexacom Corporation, Ottawa, Ont.—\$18,055; Research services—Bowden's Information Service Inc., Toronto, Ont.—\$2,213; Promotional gifts—Clark Irwin and Co. Ltd., Toronto, Ont.—\$5,000; Smith Advertising Specialties, Mississauga, Ont.—\$2,008.

### PREPARATION OF PUBLICATION

#### Question No. 4,288—Mr. Mazankowski:

1. Was a contract awarded to *Les Éditions Sociétales CL Ltée* by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce to prepare camera-ready copy of a 32-page publication and, if so (a) how was the contract value determined (b) what was the cost breakdown of the Company's proposal?

2. Was the contract tendered and, if so, how many bids were submitted?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. The Department of Supply and Services awarded a contract, on behalf of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, to *Les Éditions Sociétales CL Ltée*, for the provision of work, identified in part (b), related to the design and development of a booklet on small business.

(a) The value of the contract was determined by the client department as a result of an unsolicited proposal submitted directly to Industry, Trade and Commerce.

(b) The cost breakdown is as follows:

Creative concepts	\$30,790
Project management	39,500
Circulation/distribution	20,368
Research	3,659
Writing/Editorial	4,574
Translation/typesetting	5,675
Design layout	5,934
Overhead and profit	15,060

2. No. Contract was awarded as a result of an unsolicited proposal.

[English]

**Mr. Smith:** I ask, madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Madam Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

## MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

### THE ECONOMY

#### CRISIS IN VALUE OF CANADIAN DOLLAR

**Madam Speaker:** I have notice of a motion under Standing Order 26 in the name of the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent).

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Madam Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Kamloops-Shuswap (Mr. Riis), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the crisis in the Canadian dollar, which has reached its lowest point in history in comparison with the U.S. dollar, a fact which is directly related to the failure of the government to announce its intention not to proceed with measures related to last fall's outdated budget, the collapse of the government's energy program and the related failure of the government to produce a new economic policy for Canada.

**Madam Speaker:** I have another notice for an urgent debate under Standing Order 26 in the name of the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark).

● (1510)

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition):** Madam Speaker, I rise to ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn), to move the adjournment of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the dramatic and dangerous drop in the value of the Canadian dollar.

There are two reasons why a debate is urgent. The first is that our dollar has fallen to a record low. The second is that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) depart tomorrow for an economic summit at Versailles. The Parliament of Canada has a right and an urgent responsibility to advise the government and to