

2. Fifty-seven.

3. Several positions to be filled; no details available at this time.

4. Estimates tabled in the House of Commons for 1980-81 reflect a total budget of \$3,039,000 and 94 person-years.

IRANIANS IN CANADA

Question No. 94—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. To the knowledge of the government, how many of the participants in the November 10, 1979 pro-Iranian demonstration in front of the American Embassy in Ottawa, are attending Canadian schools or universities on student visas?

2. How many Iranians, in Canada on student visas, are receiving financial assistance towards their education from the government?

3. How many Iranians, who are not in Canada on student visas, are in Canada on another type of visa?

4. How many Iranians, on a visa, other than a student visa, are receiving financial assistance from the government?

5. Have any Iranians been found to be in Canada illegally?

6. How many Iranians discovered in Canada illegally were receiving financial assistance from the government?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): 1. The Canada Employment and Immigration Department does not know the identity of demonstrators who participated in the demonstration of November 10, 1979, in front of the American Embassy in Ottawa.

2. The Canada Employment and Immigration Department supplies no financial assistance to students in Canada on student visas. Indeed, all students who enter Canada under student visa authorization must be able to prove in advance that they are financially able to pay all costs relating to their education, including fees, tuition and living expenses.

3. As of April 1, 1980, 564 Iranian visitors, not having authorization to study here, were in Canada temporarily. Of this number, 273 had authorization to accept specified temporary employment, while the remaining 291 were merely visiting. There were at that date also 227 Iranians in Canada holding minister's permits and not as visitors.

4. The Canada Employment and Immigration Department is not aware of any Iranians in Canada on any type of visa receiving any financial assistance from the government.

5. Yes.

6. It is possible that some Iranians found to be illegally in Canada might have received financial assistance from the government. However, the Canada Employment and Immigration Department has no way of obtaining this information.

MR. MARK STAROWICZ AND MR. KONSTANTIN GEYVENDOV

Question No. 105—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. To the knowledge of the government, did CBC producer Mark Starowicz have clandestine meetings with Mr. Konstantin Geyvendov on at least six

occasions and, if so, was he charged under a section of the Official Secrets Act for consorting with an agent of a foreign power and/or being associated with such an agent and, if not, for what reason?

2. What is a detailed description of all connections between Mr. Starowicz and Mr. Geyvendov as known by the RCMP and/or the government?

3. Is the government prepared to request from the CBC an explanation as to why Mr. Mark Starowicz continues as a producer of such programs as "Sunday Morning" which falls within the category of public opinion influencing programs?

Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of Solicitor General and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. and 2. It is considered that it would not be in the public interest to comment on questions of this nature.

3. The CBC was established as Crown corporation for the purpose of producing and broadcasting, independently of political or commercial interference, programs for a national broadcasting service. Within its terms of reference the corporation has the sole right and responsibility for hiring and work assignments.

USE OF COMCEN FACILITIES

Question No. 109—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Are members of parliament entitled to use DOT Telex "Comcen" facilities for the purpose of sending political messages to their constituency and, if so, how many members used such facilities in 1976-77 and what are their names?

2. Since October 1, 1974, did the member for Assiniboia, in the Thirtieth Parliament, use such facilities for political messages or news releases and, if so (a) on how many occasions (b) under whose authority (c) was he billed by DOT or did he offer to pay for its use?

3. Have any members been billed by DOT "Comcen" Telex for use of the facilities and, if so, which members?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. The Comcen provides a service to Transport Canada officials and to the office of the minister.

2. In his capacity as a parliamentary secretary, the honourable member for Assiniboia in the Thirtieth Parliament had access, in the normal course, to certain services available through the minister's office, including telex services.

3. Not applicable.

UIC—MATERNITY BENEFITS

Question No. 110—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Will the government introduce an amendment to the Unemployment Insurance Act making it possible for women who adopt children to receive the same pregnancy leave benefits as natural mothers and, if not, for what reason is the present situation being continued?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): This question is currently under review. The Unemployment Insurance Act, at present, does not permit the payment of maternity benefits to adoptive parents.

CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS 1978-79

Question No. 120—**Mr. Cossitt:**

What is a list of all Canada Council grants awarded during the fiscal year 1978-79 and, in each case, what (a) is the name and address of the (i) applicant