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**PURPOSE OF TRIP MADE BY THE LATE R. C. LABARGE, DEPUTY MINISTER OF NATIONAL REVENUE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, 1971-72**

**Question No. 3,254—Mr. Knight:**

1. In the fiscal year 1971-72, what was the purpose of the trip made by the late R. C. Labarge, Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise (salary range: \$31,500-\$37,500), to Hong Kong, Tokyo and Honolulu (\$528)?
2. In what month of the year was this trip made?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** In so far as National Revenue, Customs and Excise, is concerned: 1. The late Mr. R. C. Labarge travelled to Hong Kong, Tokyo and Honolulu as a member of a Canadian trade delegation.

2. The trip was made in June and July, 1971.

**PURPOSE OF TRIP MADE BY MR. B. G. BARROW, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF NATIONAL REVENUE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, 1971-72**

**Question No. 3,255—Mr. Knight:**

1. In the fiscal year 1971-72, what was the purpose of the trip made by B. G. Barrow, Assistant Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise (salary range: \$26,000-\$32,500), to Washington (\$182)?
2. In what month of the year was this trip made?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** In so far as the Department of National Revenue, Customs and Excise, is concerned: 1. Mr. B. G. Barrow travelled to Washington for discussions with U.S. officials respecting the future of the automotive agreement.

2. The trip was made in July, 1971.

**PURPOSE OF TRIP MADE BY MR. A. SENEAL, ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF NATIONAL REVENUE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, 1971-72**

**Question No. 3,256—Mr. Knight:**

1. In the fiscal year 1971-72, what was the purpose of the trip made by A. Senecal, Assistant Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise (salary range: \$26,000-\$32,500), to Washington (\$169)?
2. In what month of the year was this trip made?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** In so far as National Revenue, Customs and Excise is concerned: 1. Mr. A. Senecal travelled to Washington to attend a conference on drug traffic.

2. The trip was made in October, 1971.

[Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga).]

**\*ROYAL CANADIAN MINT—SELECTION OF ACRES CONSULTING SERVICES LTD. TO HANDLE PERSONNEL SERVICES**

**Question No. 3,297—Mr. McKenzie:**

1. For what reason was Acres Consulting Services Ltd. of Toronto chosen as the firm to handle personnel services for the new Royal Canadian Mint to be located in Winnipeg?
2. For what reason was the contract not awarded to a Winnipeg management consultant firm?
3. What criteria were used by the government in awarding the contract?
4. Is it the intention of the government to continue to award contracts relating to the Mint to firms in other cities?

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** 1. Acres Consulting Services Limited have been retained by the Royal Canadian Mint to act as advisors in the reorganization of the entire Mint, and the establishment of staff requirements resulting from the transfer to Winnipeg of the Coining Division, the expansion of the Numismatic Division to handle the Olympic program, and the eventual renovation of the Ottawa Mint. Their responsibility for hiring personnel for Winnipeg is limited to several specialized engineering support positions. The balance of the recruiting being handled by the Personnel Department of the Royal Canadian Mint.

2 and 3. Acres Consulting Services Limited were retained for purposes of continuity and because of their special background in manufacturing plants, having been originally hired by the Department of Finance in 1967 to prepare plans for a new Canadian Mint, and later having been responsible for the process engineering for the new Mint in Winnipeg.

4. No, insofar as contracts for management consultants are concerned. With regard to contracts for coinage metals, tenders will normally be called on a national basis; manufacturing supplies and services will be obtained in the Winnipeg area as far as possible, based upon competitive prices and availability.

**RECONCILIATION OF TRADE FIGURES****Question No. 3,307—Mr. Fairweather:**

Have United States and Canadian trade figures been reconciled as a result of the special study initiated by the United States Department of Commerce and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and designed to overcome a substantial difference in totals between the statistics of the respective departments?

**Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada reports that statistics published by the United States and Canada for their merchandise trade with each other have been reconciled for the years 1970, 1971 and 1972 by Statistics Canada and the Census Bureau of the United States. The results were reported in press releases issued by Statistics Canada on January 10 and November 6, 1973. A detailed report on the reconciliation of statistics for 1970 has been published and is available from the External Trade Division, Statistics Canada. The Joint Task Force will begin shortly to reconcile 1973 figures.