

Order Paper Questions

issued were for a total value of \$870,028.29. (c) Two of these export permits were issued in January, 1975 and the third one in February, 1975.

2. No.
3. Yes.
4. No.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF RUCKSACKS

Question No. 1,941—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Were two purchases made totalling \$546,680 for army rucksacks within two months of one another and, if so, will the Minister of Supply and Services provide the reason the quantity purchased was not made at the same time?

2. Is it the Department of Supply and Services' procedure to forecast market price increases and consider inflationary spirals when making such purchases?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Yes. The second purchase resulted from a DND decision to authorize the issue of rucksacks to militia units of Mobile Command. The covering requisition was received after the first contract had been awarded.

2. DSS provides market trends on a commodity group basis to materiel managers of federal departments and agencies. When making the actual purchase, it is DSS policy to establish a contract price through competitive tendering. In this instance, each requirement was tendered separately and the resulting two contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder, which in both cases was Manitoba Tent and Awning.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF POSTAL CARTS

Question No. 1,942—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded on January 29, 1975, to E.K. Neuser Machine Co. Ltd., of Downsview, Ontario, for the supply of 2,550 postal carts valued at \$1,226,843?

2. How much did each cart cost?
3. What is the difference in design of this cart compared to a supermarket's grocery cart?
4. Were tenders called for on this contract?
5. What companies tendered?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Yes.

2. \$479.64 (Note: $2,550 \times \$479.64 = \$1,223,082$. The balance of \$3,761.00 between this amount and the contract award amount of \$1,226,843 covers the supply of Spare Parts and Maintenance Manuals).

3. These carts are 5 feet (1.52 m) in length and 3.5 feet (1.07 m) in width. Each is four-wheeled, flat bedded, open sided with closed ends, weighing 450 pounds (204.5 kg) when empty. Each is designed to carry up to 1800 lb. (818.2 kg) of mail, loose, in bags or monotoners. There is, therefore, no direct comparison with the supermarket grocery cart.

4. Yes.

5. The E.K. Neuser Machine Company Limited, Downsview, Ontario; G.E.C. Elliot Mechanical Handling, Division of English Electric—A.E.I. Canada Limited, Willowdale, Ontario; Moody—S.I. Limited, Terrebonne, P.Q.

[Mr. Clermont.]

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—DIESEL ENGINES FOR LOCOMOTIVES

Question No. 1,945—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded to M.W. Industries of Montreal for the supply of four diesel engines for locomotives functioning with the Pakistan Western Railways Programme?

2. How much did each engine cost?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. A contract was awarded to M.L.W. Industries, a division of M.L.W. Worthington Limited, Montreal, Quebec for the supply of four diesel engines for locomotives functioning with the Pakistan Western Railways Programme.

2. Four engines with kits of components, panels and wiring for modification of engine systems, lot price: \$630,-847 f.o.b., Montreal.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF FIREBOATS

Question No. 1,953—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded to Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd., North Vancouver, British Columbia for the supply of two fireboats at a cost of \$3,208,712 on March 7, 1974?

2. Were tenders called on the contract and, if so, what companies tendered?

3. What are the particulars as to the actual construction and accessory equipment aboard the vessels?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Yes. The contract was awarded on January 18, 1974. The press release was dated March 7, 1974.

2. Yes. Only one firm responded, Vancouver Shipyards Co. Ltd.

3. The fireboats are 75' in length, have steel hulls and a design speed of 12 knots. The boats are powered by twin diesel engines of 400 BHP each driving twin screws on "Z" drive units capable of 360° rotation. Pumping rate is 5000 gpm (Imp.).

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—TWIN SCREW BUOY

Question No. 1,955—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Were tenders called on the contract as awarded to Riverton Boat Works Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba for the supply of a Twin Screw Buoy Tender?

2. What companies tendered?

3. What is (a) the dimensions of the \$1,500,000 boat (b) accessory equipment?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Yes.

2. Riverton Boat Works Ltd., Riverton, Manitoba; Purvis Shipyard Ltd., Selkirk, Manitoba.

3. (a) Length, 110'-3"; Breadth, 28'-0"; Draft, 7'-0"; (b) The steel hull ship will be fitted with two diesel engines of 1350 combined horsepower driving twin screws to produce a design speed of 11½ knots. A Speed Crane system will be fitted for laying and retrieving navigation buoys on Lake Winnipeg.