

Order Paper Questions

committee. They have co-operated with members of all parties of the committee in providing information.

Question No. 1,886—Mr. Epp:

1. Is any member of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada receiving any special compensation or remuneration, directly or indirectly, from the Department of Justice which prepared the draft resolution on the Constitution and, if so, in what nature and for what purpose?

2. Is the hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie receiving special compensation or remuneration for his service as parliamentary secretary to the minister whose department prepared the draft resolution and, if so (a) in what amount (b) under what authority?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): 1. No.

2. The hon. member for Sault Ste. Marie receives compensation or remuneration for his services as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice under the authority of the Parliamentary Secretaries Act, as provided by that act. He receives no other compensation or remuneration for his services as parliamentary secretary.

Question No. 1,887—Mr. Epp:

Did any agent, official or cabinet minister contact any group submitting representation to the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada prior to their submission of an oral or a written presentation and, if so (a) which groups were involved (b) what was the nature of the contact (c) which representatives of the government were involved (d) what were the dates of contact?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Officials, the offices of cabinet ministers and Members of Parliament have been contacted by groups submitting or contemplating submitting representations to the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada for information regarding the committee. Such inquiries were referred to the joint clerks of the committee. No record was kept of such contacts, of the number thereof, of the specific point of contact or of the dates of contact.

Question No. 1,888—Mr. Epp:

Does the government have in its employ, directly or on contract or in any other way, any son, daughter, other close relative or spouse of any member of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada and, if so (a) what is the name of the person (b) what is the relationship of the person to the member (c) what is the responsibility of the person (d) did the person play any role in the preparation of the draft resolution under consideration and, if so, what was such role (e) is the person now involved in any official way with matters affecting the present deliberations of the committee and, if so, what is the role and what are the matters?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): This information is not available to the government and obtaining it would: (a) be prohibitively expensive, and; (b) involve making direct inquiries either of every member of the special joint committee or every person in the direct or indirect employ of the government.

(c), (d) and (e) See reply to question No. 1,889 answered this day.

Question No. 1,889—Mr. Epp:

1. Is Mr. Eddie Goldenberg in the employ, directly or on contract or any other way, of the government and, if so (a) what is his relationship to Senator Carl Goldenberg or any member of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada (b) what are the specific conditions of his employment, including remuneration, responsibilities and reporting relationship?

2. Did he play any role whatsoever in the preparation of the (a) draft resolution now before the committee (b) parliamentary strategy regarding the approval of the draft resolution by the House of Commons or the Senate (c) communications strategy of the government regarding either the draft resolution or government constitutional positions?

3. Does he have any continuing official role respecting matters which affect the present deliberations of the committee and, if so, what is the role and what are the matters?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): 1. Yes.

(a) Mr. Goldenberg is a son of Senator Carl Goldenberg.

(b) No direct remuneration is provided to Mr. Goldenberg by the government. The contract for Mr. Goldenberg's services is with the law firm of Lang, Michener, Cranston, Farquharson and Wright of Toronto by which he is employed. That law firm presumably provides his remuneration. His responsibilities are to provide professional services to the Ministry of Justice, as a special adviser, particularly in respect of constitutional matters.

2. (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

3. Yes. Mr. Goldenberg continues to provide professional services as a special adviser to the Ministry of Justice.

Question No. 1,890—Mr. Epp:

Did (a) the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice (b) Senator Carl Goldenberg (c) Senator Jack Austin (d) Senator Maurice Lamontagne, see a copy of the draft resolution which is now the subject of consideration by the Special Joint Committee on the Constitution of Canada at any time before that draft resolution was presented to the House of Commons and the Senate and, if so, in each case, on what specific date did he see the draft?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Copies of the draft resolution were generally available to all members of Parliament on the evening of October 2, 1980. No member of the committee was shown a copy of the draft resolution prior to that time.

TRADE COMMISSION OFFICES

Question No. 1,933—Mr. Herbert:

What is the current annual budget and the personnel strength of the Trade Commission Offices in (a) Jamaica (b) Trinidad and are sub-offices maintained in the territories covered by the two offices?

Mr. Gérald Laniel (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: