

Order Paper Questions

answer the question. Perhaps there is such a backlog of appointments to come that they would rather wait until we could get the whole list. Seriously, I think we should know that answer.

There are other questions, but I should like to mention only one more. Question No. 29 concerns Michael Pitfield, who seems to be the untouchable. It is in regard to the Taschereau papers and certain details concerning why he sent them back, and on whose authority, to the Privy Council office. That has been outstanding for quite some time, and it falls within guideline (f) of questions to be treated sensitively. I should like to know when the government will do something about this question.

If I may be permitted, in closing I should like to indicate that I accept the ruling of the Chair today on the question of privilege which I raised. I fully realize that, unless I name my sources and provide more information, it would be very difficult for Madam Speaker to go further with the matter. I hope the House will understand that I cannot name the sources because, with a government such as the one in power today, they would be hanging from the Peace Tower about ten minutes from now.

Mr. Collette: Madam Speaker, just briefly on the serious aspects of the hon. member's comments, I should like to assure him that I will do my best to answer those questions. I am sorry, with the Christmas spirit to which you referred earlier in the question period, that the member is not satisfied with the present I just gave him.

Mr. Towers: Madam Speaker, I put a question on the order paper on May 8 which concerns metric conversion. In that there have been rumours that the government may be making a metric announcement during the Christmas recess, I was wondering whether the parliamentary secretary would see fit to answer this question prior to the recess.

Mr. Collette: Madam Speaker, I cannot guarantee to answer any particular question on any given day, but I will look into it.

Madam Speaker: Is it agreed that the questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary shall be made orders for returns?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

MR. MARTIN GOLDFARB

Question No. 15—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Since April 20, 1968, what is a list and the nature of each item of business received from the government by Mr. Martin Goldfarb, or any companies with which he is associated, including Goldfarb Consultants Limited and, in each case, what was the amount of money paid and, what was the over-all total amount paid for the full period involved?

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FORMER DEPUTY MINISTERS OR ASSISTANT DEPUTY
MINISTERS—CONTRACTS

Question No. 407—**Mr. Orlikow:**

In the past three years, how many former Deputy Ministers or Assistant Deputy Ministers had contracts with a government department, agency or Crown corporation and, in each case (a) what are their names (b) for which department, agency or Crown corporation were such contracts undertaken (c) what compensation did they receive?

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CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS—CONTRACT FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Question No. 536—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, what contracts for professional services were let for studies, surveys and analyses into (a) present or future policies, programs or information analysis and their efficiency and effectiveness (b) the examination of the administration or internal operation of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs?

2. How much was committed on each contract and to whom?

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[English]

Mr. Collette: Madam Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CLEAN AIR ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment) moved that Bill C-51, to amend the Clean Air Act, be read the second time and by unanimous consent be referred to Committee of the Whole.

He said: Madam Speaker, the purpose of the amendments to the Clean Air Act now before the House is to provide the United States with essentially the same legislative protection as that offered Canada under section 115 of the United States clean air act. Such reciprocal protection is needed under the terms of section 115 to enable United States federal authorities to initiate a process to require state governments to reduce emissions adversely affecting Canada. This is of particular importance to us in relation to acid rain, but also it could be applied to more localized concerns.

The proposed amendments contain four basic elements. First, they provide the governor in council, on the advice of the