

## CONSTITUTIONAL RESOLUTION—REFERENCE TO GOD

**Question No. 2,424—Mr. Cossitt:**

Did the Minister of Justice receive letters and representations on the subject of a reference to God not being made in the original constitutional resolution and, if so (a) how many, including numbers of names on petitions (b) did the representations have a bearing on the reversal of the government's decision in this regard?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development):** Yes, from many Canadians and many members of Parliament on all sides of the House.

- (a) To April 22, 1981, 8,033 pieces of mail, no figures were kept on the number of names on petitions.
- (b) Yes. It will be recalled that a reference to God was proposed in "A Statement of Principles for A New Constitution" which was submitted by the Prime Minister to provincial ministers at the meeting of June 9, 1980, and tabled in the House of Commons on June 10, 1980.

## DND—CONTRACT TO CAE ÉLECTRONIQUE LTÉE

**Question No. 2,472—Mr. McKinnon:**

1. Did the Department of National Defence place a \$515,708 contract with CAE Electronique Ltée. for repair and overhaul of the magnetic anomaly detector system for the CP-140 avionics system and, if so, for what period has the detector been in service?

2. How often does the department expect the system to require repair and overhaul?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. On behalf of the Department of National Defence, the Department of Supply and Services Canada placed a contract with CAE Electronique Ltée, in the amount of \$515,707.50 for the repair and overhaul of magnetic anomaly detector (MAD) systems. The first system went into service in June, 1980.

2. Based on previous experience with MAD systems, an estimated 74 sub-systems are forecasted to require third-line maintenance (at contractor's facilities) over the course of the contract, however it is not possible to provide a definite answer to this part of the question. The MAD system is installed in all CP-140 aircraft and in some training simulators; each system is made up of 28 significant sub-systems. The units will be forwarded to the contractor for repair and/or overhaul as the need arises and under the conditions of the contract. The government will only pay for the work actually carried out. The contract includes provisions for some up-front charges to cover the contractor's requirement to set up his facilities; it also includes allowance of \$307,400 for CAE to purchase those types of spares only used for third-line maintenance and not carried in the Canadian Forces Supply system. Third-line spare purchases are for multi-year use.

## IAN MARTIN ASSOCIATES CONTRACT

**Question No. 2,555—Mr. Stewart:**

Did the Department of National Defence and the Department of Communications purchase technical service-communications equipment valued at \$277,900

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from Ian Martin Associates, Ottawa, and, if so, what was the equipment and what technical services were provided?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):** The Department of Supply and Services on behalf of the Department of Communications purchased technical services valued at \$277,900 from Ian Martin Associates, Ottawa. The services of individuals were provided under nine separate contracts. No equipment was purchased.

The services provided involved the operation and maintenance of the David Florida Laboratory at Shirley's Bay on behalf of the Department of Communications. It has been government policy to contract out to industry for the skills required to operate this facility since it was opened in 1974.

## DND—PURCHASE OF SCREWS

**Question No. 2,557—Mr. Stewart:**

Did the Department of National Defence purchase screws valued at \$58,790 from Rolls Royce Canada Inc. and, if so, how many and for what purpose will they be used?

**Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):** A contract in the amount of \$58,790 was awarded by the Department of Supply and Services, on behalf of the Department of National Defence, to Rolls Royce Canada Inc., for the supply of 15 items of different types of screws. The total quantity ordered was 11,700. The screws are to serve as lifetime spares for the maintenance of the NENE 10 engine manufactured by Rolls Royce and installed in the T33 trainer aircraft.

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**Mr. Cossitt:** I rise on a point of order, madam Speaker. As I have on a number of occasions, I would like to draw the attention of the parliamentary secretary to three questions that have been unanswered for a long time. The last time I raised this matter he promised he would look into it and see if he could facilitate answers.

The first question I refer to is question No. 30, which asks for the number of members of the Canadian Transport Commission and their wives who have passes on Air Canada. The question has been on the Order Paper for about two years. It seems to me a relatively simple thing to answer. The lack of an answer leads, obviously, to one asking what is being hidden.

Question No. 136 is very simple. I was assured by officials of Air Canada that the answer had been prepared for months ago, so I do not know what has happened to it. It is a very simple question and asks when the Liberal party paid Air Canada for the DC-8 it rented in the May 22, 1979 election and points out that it had not paid the bill by the time the February, 1980 election came along. When was the bill paid and how much was it? Apparently there was a dispute between the Liberal party and Air Canada, a Crown corporation. The question has not been answered in over a year.

Finally, question No. 121 asks for the number and names of defeated Liberal candidates and defeated Liberal MPs who have received appointments from the government to various positions in Crown corporations, on boards and so on. That,