

ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF CANADA—RESEARCH  
EXPENDITURES

Question No. 2,908—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date by the Economic Council of Canada on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?

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PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES IN CONSTITUENCY OF  
ELGIN

Question No. 3,013—**Mr. Wise:**

1. What are the names and addresses of all government employees presently working in the constituency of Elgin?

2. With what department is each employee in the constituency of Elgin associated?

Return tabled.

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES TENDER MPE  
0274-2-8322/3/4/5

Question No. 3,060—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. With respect to the Department of Supply and Services tender MPE 0274-2-8322/3/4/5, has the government awarded a contract for item 1(B)AO, parcel sortation systems for the bulk mail facility and letter sorting plants to McInnis Co., of Windsor in association with Arrowjet General of Frederick, Maryland (a) did Feranti-Packard of Toronto in association with Speaker Sortation Systems submit a tender (b) did Speaker Motions of Canada in association with Speaker Motions of Milwaukee submit a tender (c) what was the price of the tender in each case?

2. Did the Canadian Post Office Project Officers report that the McInnis bid did not meet the specifications of a performance type contract and, if so (a) did DSS review the McInnis tender (b) was the tender award increased from \$1,760,211 to \$4,160,436 (c) was a similar review made of the other two tenders?

3. Of the three companies involved, which tender included mechanically assisted loading as specified under the provisions of a performance type contract (a) was the McInnis bid upgraded to include mechanical loading (b) what was the revised cost of this upgrading (c) what is the technical competence and experience of McInnis Co. in this specific area of technology?

4. (a) Which of the three tenders were supported by the Post Office Project Officers from the standpoint of technical competence and actual experience in manufacturing the 1(B)AO parcel sortation systems essential to meeting delivery requirements (b) which tender did the Consultants on the Project, Cole-Sherman Associates of Toronto, support from the standpoint of technical competence and actual experience in manufacturing parcel sortation systems, with the vital delivery date in mind?

5. Was the Canadian Post Office Project Officer on this project withdrawn from the evaluation process at the request of DSS?

6. What is the practical experience of each of the three companies submitting tenders in actually manufacturing and supplying postal sorting equipment?

7. (a) Did the American affiliation of McInnis Co., Arrowjet General, change ownership to the American Chain and Cable Co., since submitting the original tender (b) is the Canadian affiliate of ACCO, the Canadian Mechanical Handling Systems, a competitor of McInnis?

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8. What is the Canadian affiliation of the other two companies submitting tenders?

9. Has the project been delayed by the negotiations with the McInnis Co. (a) was the original delivery date October, 1974 (b) has it now been delayed and, if so, until what date?

10. What is the estimated daily cost of slippage on delivery date?

11. Which of the three companies have been involved with other contracts for CPO Mechanization Project (a) what are these projects (b) has the performance been satisfactory?

12. Is there logistic and training compatibility between the bulk mail facility and the McInnis equipment?

13. (a) Is it the practice of DSS to award contracts on the Canadian Post Office Mechanization Project, without regard to technical competence (b) what are the criteria in making these awards?

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**Mr. Cossitt:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. On October 15 the Minister of Justice (Mr. Lang) gave his version of answers to some of my questions on the order paper on the subject of lawyers receiving business from the government. Specifically, I refer to his answer to question No. 2279 in which the minister gave what he said were names and addresses of lawyers given business by his department in the province of Nova Scotia during the last fiscal year. Included in this list was the name of Mr. A. D. McInnis of Antigonish, who subsequently advised me by letter dated October 17 that he had in reality not received any such business from the Department of Justice, that he found the inclusion of his name by the minister annoying, and that he desired clarification of the matter.

● (1410)

May I draw to the attention of the parliamentary secretary starred question No. 3028 placed on the order paper on October 22 in order to clarify the situation as requested. That was 42 days ago, Mr. Speaker. I can see no reason whatsoever that would justify such a long delay in furnishing what should be a very simple answer.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, such delays can only make one suspect the accuracy of the minister's entire list, and surely the minister in fairness to Mr. McInnis—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Oral questions.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

ENERGY

EFFECT OF FURTHER INCREASE IN VENEZUELAN CRUDE OIL PRICE ON PRICE TO CONSUMERS EAST OF OTTAWA VALLEY LINE—IMPACT OF PREVIOUS INCREASES

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources arising out of the news of a further increase in the tax reference price of Venezuelan crude oil. Can the minister inform the House what this will mean in terms of increased product prices to Canadian consumers