

3. Any federal department which requisitions the items on an as and when required basis.
4. Four hundred sixty-eight briefcases; 1,460 portfolios.

THREE-TRAILER NURSING STATION CONTRACT

Question No. 1,968—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded April 4, 1974 to Corab Services Ltd., Calgary, Alberta for the supply of one three-trailer nursing station costing \$123,700?
2. What was the cost of the supply, transportation and installation of the item?
3. Were other tenders submitted?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as DSS is concerned: 1. Yes, however the contract was awarded March 12, 1974; the news release was dated April 4, 1974.

2. The contract in the amount of \$123,700 was on a firm lot price basis for the supply, delivery and installation. The transportation cost amounted to \$15,840. The installation charge was not defined separately.

3. Yes.

OFFICE FURNISHINGS CONTRACT

Question No. 1,977—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded November 20, 1974 by the Department of Supply and Services to Standard Desk Ltd., Laval, Quebec for a quantity of office furnishings costing \$897,642?
2. Were tenders requested?
3. What companies tendered?
4. Did the Department contribute, financially or otherwise, to the set-up of the company in its ability to construct such furnishings?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Department of Supply and Services is concerned: 1. Yes, however, contract was awarded on October 29, 1974; press release was dated November 20, 1974.

2. Yes.
3. Standard Desk Limited; Louis Ethan Limited; Sunar Limited; Ebena/LaSalle Inc.; Gothic Store Fixtures.
4. No.

OFFICE FURNISHINGS CONTRACTS

Question No. 1,980—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded by the Department of Supply and Services on March 12, 1974 to Vulcan Industries Ltd., Pointe aux Trembles, Quebec for a quantity of office furnishings costing \$1,182,339?
2. Were tenders requested?
3. What companies tendered?
4. Did the Department contribute financially or otherwise to the set up of this Company for its ability to construct such furnishings?
5. Is there an arrangement with Vulcan Industries whereby the Department will show preference to their tenders in the future?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Department of Supply and Services is concerned: 1. Yes, however, contract was awarded on February 20, 1974; press release was dated March 12, 1974.

2. Yes.

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3. Vulcan Industries Ltd.; Ebena/LaSalle Inc.; Standard Desk Limited; Sunar Limited; Canabureau Ltd.
4. No, except in technical matters related to production as is the custom on most contracts for commodities manufactured to Government specifications.
5. No.

CONTRACT FOR TOBOGGANS

Question No. 1,986—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded February 19, 1975 to Magline of Canada Ltd., Renfrew, Ontario for the supply of toboggans costing \$215 each?
2. Were tenders requested on this contract and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Department of Supply and Services is concerned: 1. A contract was awarded January 16, 1975; the news release was dated February 18, 1975. The price was \$215.54 each delivered to Lancaster Park, Alberta, and \$211.65 each delivered to Montreal, Quebec.

2. Yes.

MAIL SERVICE CONTRACT

Question No. 1,991—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded August 1973 to Batterton Mail Service Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario for mail service at a cost of \$40,000?
2. For what reason was it necessary for the government to issue a contract on external mail courier service?
3. For what department was this service made available?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as DSS is concerned: 1. Yes.

2. To meet a requirement of the National Museums of Canada for a mail and parcel pick-up and delivery services from and to 12 locations in the Ottawa area.

3. National Museums of Canada.

REASONS WHY DOCUMENTS ARE NOT MADE PUBLIC

Question No. 2,071—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the answer to Parts 2 and 4 of Question No. 1,083, what are all the reasons that the government refuses to make public the entire file on the project with these words "The documents in question are internal working papers which it is not government policy to make public"?
2. What are all the reasons that give the government the right to withhold this information from Parliament?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. See *Hansard*, March 15, 1973, page 2288.

2. See *Beauchesne, Parliamentary Rules and Forms*, fourth edition, Citation 171(C), (D), (H), (I), (R), (EE) and Citation 181(3) and (4).

SELECTED PRESS CLIPPINGS

Question No. 2,126—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. How many people are employed by the National Research Council in putting together the monthly document called "Selected Press Clippings"?