

Routine Proceedings

[Text]

RACE RELATIONS MEETING HELD IN TORONTO

Question No. 282—**Mrs. Maheu:**

Was a meeting on the subject of race relations held in Toronto on March 31, 1990, organized by the office of the Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship) and, if so (a) who was invited to attend (b) who issued the invitations (c) which of those invited have held any order-in-council, ministerial appointments under the purview of the government since April 1, 1985 and, in each case, what appointments (d) did representatives from the minister's office and the department attend the meeting and, if so, which ones (e) who asked for the meeting to be held (f) what were the (i) purpose (ii) objectives (iii) terms of reference (iv) agenda (v) outcome of the meeting (g) what amount did the meeting cost, including (i) travel (ii) accommodation (iii) exempt staff (iv) officials (h) are any follow-up activities planned and, if so (i) what are they (ii) what are their objectives (iii) what are their projected costs?

Hon. Gerry Weiner (Secretary of State of Canada and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship)):

Yes, a meeting on the subject of race relations was held in Toronto on March 31, 1990, organized by the office of the Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship).

(a) Persons invited to the Focus Group Meeting:

Aziz Khaki
Yvonne Blackwood
Dr. Karen Mock
Fo Niemi
Kamala-Jean Gopie
Dr. Suzanne Birks
Alai Coker
Valmond Romilly
Benjamin Teitelbaum
Isobel Grayston
Alain Jean-Bart

(b) The chairperson of the Focus Group Meeting, Dr. Ralph Agard.

(c) Dr. Ralph Agard, former member of the Advisory Committee on the Employment of Visible Minorities.

Aziz Khaki, member of the Advisory Committee on the Employment of Visible Minorities.

Dr. Karen Mock, chairperson of the Canadian Multiculturalism Advisory Committee.

Valmond Romilly, member of the Canadian Multiculturalism Advisory Committee.

(d) Dennison Moore—chief of staff—Secretary of State and Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship).

John Dennison—senior policy advisor for race relations to the Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Citizenship).

Ajit Mehat—director, race relations
Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada

(e) Participants of the Focus Group Meeting.

(f) (i), (ii) and (iii)

Discussion of consultant's report on the feasibility of establishing a Race Relations Network.

(iv) Round table discussion of report.

(v) Need for further discussion and fine tuning on the workings of a Race Relations Network.

(g) \$4,601.42

(h) Yes

(i) Larger consultation of concerned groups.

(ii) To examine the findings of the Focus Group and to determine if a Race Relations Network is needed.

(iii) Not applicable.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICES OF CANADA

Question No. 431—**Mr. Harvard:**

Does the government intend to assume the financial obligations of World University Services of Canada, such as (a) the cost involved in the return of Canadian volunteers, (b) the payment to them of an annual bonus?

Hon. Monique Landry (Minister for External Relations): The government has not assumed the financial obligations of WUSC. All assets and liabilities of WUSC are being administered by the Receiver. CIDA has undertaken to ensure that activities and commitments under projects and programs it has been funding with WUSC continue to be carried out. As for Canadians working overseas under WUSC's volunteer program, their agreements with WUSC will continue to be honored, including return to Canada on completion of assignment and any other payments stipulated in their agreements.

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[English]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, if Question No. 404 could be made an Order for Return, the return would be tabled immediately.