

Order Paper Questions

(1958) Ltd. (ii) Phase II, Stage "A", Pitts Quebec Ltd. Phase II, Stage "B", V.K. Mason Construction Ltd. Phase II, Stage "C", Thomas Fuller Construction Co. (1958) Ltd. (iii) Parking Garage Former City Hall Site: Excavation, V.K. Mason Construction Ltd.; Footings, J.R.B. Construction; Structure, Thomas Fuller Construction Co. (1958) Ltd. (iv) Maisonneuve Parking Garage, Thomas Fuller Construction Co. (1958) Ltd. (v) Phases III, IV and V, not available.

3. (a) Yes.

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	(a)	(b)	(c)
(i) Phase I		\$12,595,000.00	N/A
(ii) Phase II, Stage "A"		568,802.00	N/A
Phase II, Stage "B"		1,021,700.00	N/A
Phase II, Stage "C"		11,720,000.00	N/A
(iii) Parking Garage—Former City Hall Site			
Excavation		675,300.00	N/A
Footings		49,961.00	N/A
Structure		2,262,000.00	N/A
(iv) Maisonneuve Parking Garage		2,515,000.00	N/A

3. (a) Yes.

	Number of Change Orders	Net Increase
(i) Phase I	225	1,129,599.77
(ii) Phase II, Stage "A"	5	49,737.60
Phase II, Stage "B"	16	230,765.93
Phase II, Stage "C"	139	1,873,369.47
(iii) Parking Garage—Former City Hall Site		
Excavation	2	14,635.00
Footings	1	15,817.82
Structure	53	249,124.57
(iv) Maisonneuve Parking Garage	60	645,862.32

4. (i) The Crown intends to lease to Campeau Corporation approximately 68,000 square feet of land (present Post Office and Hydro sites) for a term of 35 years at an annual rental of \$1. If the Crown does not exercise its option to purchase the building at the end of 35 years, the Crown will charge Campeau Corporation the market land rent in effect at that time. (ii) The Crown intends to lease to Cadillac-Fairview the land on which the Federal portion of lease-purchase complex to be known as Place de Centre will be built. The lease is for 73 years and for the first 30 years of the agreement, the rent will be one dollar per annum. If the Crown does not exercise its option to purchase the building at the end of the thirtieth year, the land rent will be at the market rent for the last 43 years of the lease.

5. Agreement on land acquisition costs have not been finalized between the N.C.C. and D.P.W. therefore this question should be directed to the National Capital Commission.

6. (i) The Crown has approved entry into a lease-purchase agreement for Terrasse de la Chaudière with Campeau Corporation, who own most of the site, based on a 35 year lease with an option to purchase. The terms of the

[Mr. Drury.]

agreement have not yet been finalized. (ii) The Crown has approved entry into a lease-purchase agreement with Cadillac-Fairview for a Federal building in Place de Centre. The term of the lease is 30 years at a rental rate of 3,006,384 dollars per annum for 410,148 square feet of rentable space. At the end of the thirtieth year, the Crown has an option to purchase the building for 6,000,000 dollars.

PURCHASE OF SUGAR FROM CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

Question No. 3,651—Mr. Herbert:

1. Has an offer to sell sugar to Canada been received from a Caribbean country and, if so (a) which country (b) on what terms?

2. Has consideration been given to use foreign aid in assisting in the stabilization of the export markets of developing countries?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce and External Affairs as follows: 1. The purchase of sugar is in the hands of the private sector which makes its own arrangements for sugar supplies, including quantities from Caribbean countries. During the first nine months of 1975, imports of sugar from Caribbean countries were: Trinidad-Tobago: 2,556 metric tons; Cuba: 105,840 metric tons; Total: 108,396.

2. Two techniques are used internationally to cope with the problem of stabilizing commodity export earnings. The first is to stabilize commodity prices by negotiating commodity agreements and the second is to stabilize export earnings by providing compensatory financing when export earnings fall, through arrangements such as the IMF compensatory financing facility. While both these approaches may result in the transfer of resources from developed to developing countries, neither approach makes direct use of aid funds. The direct use of aid funds to maintain LDC export earnings would, in effect, be similar to providing direct subsidies to the countries concerned which is contrary to Canadian aid policy.

CBC REPORTING OF NEWS

Question No. 3,708—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Do persons involved as bureau chiefs, news editors or producers of news and public affairs programmes for CBC Radio or Television operate under any instructions to keep such programmes free of their own personal political bias and (a) if so (i) are they instructed to edit and report but not to manage the news (ii) what are such instructions (b) if not, for what reason?

2. Is the government prepared to insist that CBC follow a policy of reporting news from Parliament and elsewhere without (a) political bias (b) news management, etc. so that the Canadian people can have access to opinions on all sides of every public issue?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. CBC information programming staff are under explicit instructions to keep programs for which they have responsibility totally free of their own personal political bias. They are instructed to edit and report fairly and, to quote program policy directives, to strive for a maximum subjective detachment from the events and opinions of the people which constitute the news. He can report, he can background, he can explain and he can analyse, but he must not express his personal opinion.