

*Order Paper Questions*

5. (a) No. (b) Yes. (c) (i) \$28. (ii) \$93. (iii) Nil. (d) Belleville, \$11,395 to \$12,987—salary range for the position. Present, \$12,762 to \$15,138—salary range for the position.

UIC—MR. D'ARCY REZAC

**Question No. 61—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was Mr. D'Arcy Rezac, at any time, Regional Manager of Operations in Belleville for the Unemployment Insurance Commission and, if so (a) on what date was he appointed (b) until what date did he serve in the position (c) what is his present position with the Commission?

2. Prior to his appointment in Belleville, did he serve with the UIC in Toronto and, if so, in what capacity?

3. (a) During the period of time he was in Belleville, what was the total of all expenses paid on his behalf, including any hotel expenses prepaid (b) was he on full expenses and (i) if so, for what reason (ii) if not, what expenses, if any, was he on (c) did he take up permanent residence in Belleville during his term there and, if not (i) for what reason (ii) for what reason were his expenses paid (iii) did he maintain actual residence in Toronto at the time?

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. Yes. (a) September 29, 1974 (acting as of April 1, 1974). (b) July 15, 1975. (c) Deputy Director General—Pacific Region.

2. Yes—District Manager, High Park Office, Toronto.

3. (a) 1974, \$5,416.25; 1975, \$2,770.62; Total, \$8,186.87. (b) Yes, as allowed by regulations; (i) Working in Belleville and living in Toronto; (ii) Not applicable. (c) No; (i) Operation exigencies were such that a very experienced person was required in Toronto during the winter of 1974. Mr. Rezac, although an employee of high potential was assuming his first senior management post in UIC and it was felt that the Commission's best interest would be served by assigning him to the smaller central area with an office in the Belleville Regional Office for a period of 6 to 10 months prior to assuming duties in Toronto; (ii) He was on assignment; (iii) Yes.

UIC—SPECIAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

**Question No. 63—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was any evidence gathered, or any investigation or examination made, before it was abolished, by the Special Investigation Division of the Unemployment Insurance Commission of the Regional Office Pay Centres and the possibility of infiltration of the pay system itself to produce cheques for non-existent claims by means of the issuance of such cheques without them showing up on the Current Master Record Data Tapes and, if so (a) which of the following pay centres were involved (i) Moncton (ii) Montreal (iii) Belleville (iv) Winnipeg (v) Vancouver (b) was a more extensive examination carried out at the Montreal Regional Pay Centre (c) what action in all cases was (i) recommended (ii) taken?

2. Since the Special Investigation Division was abolished have there been any further such investigations or examinations by UIC personnel and, if so, what are all details similar to those asked for in Part 1 of this question?

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. There was no evidence gathered or any investigation conducted by the former Special Investigations Division

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into the possibility of infiltration of the pay system in the Regional Pay Centres.

2. The Regional Pay Centres have been audited both before the special Investigation Division was formed, during its life and after its disbandment. The audit function was carried out first by the Operational Audit of the Commission and later by the Audit Services Bureau of D.S.S. In addition, the RCMP have carried out audits of the physical security. No evidence of infiltration has been found.

UIC—SPECIAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

**Question No. 64—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Where were or are all files of the now abolished Special Investigation Division of the Unemployment Insurance Division (a) between the date of its abolition and June 28, 1976 (b) the date the answer to this question is prepared and what is that date?

2. Have any files of the Special Investigation Division been destroyed since the decision was made to abolish the Division and, if so (a) on whose order (b) on what dates (c) what files (d) for what reason?

3. Will the government agree to the preservation of any existing records of the Special Investigation Division indefinitely for possible future examination by a (a) Parliamentary Committee (b) Judicial inquiry and, if not (i) for what reason (ii) what are all reasons such files should not be preserved and eventually made public?

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. (a) All master files of the former Special Investigations Division have been maintained at Head Office since inception of this unit and are still maintained. Working copy files were maintained at five regional offices. (b) The files are still at Head Office.

2. No. Some working copy files were destroyed. However, the information contained therein is available on the master file at Head Office.

3. All files are maintained and stored in accordance with Public Records Order PC 1966-1749 dated October 1, 1966. It would not be within the public interest to release information contained on these files as much of the information is of a classified nature.

UIC—INVESTIGATION OF RETIREMENT CLAIMS

**Question No. 78—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Has the Unemployment Insurance Commission been investigating three week retirement benefit claims at various offices across Canada and, if so, what is the total number found to be fraudulent during the past year and, in all such cases, how many persons involved are (a) outside UIC (b) employed by UIC?

2. How many persons who had not actually attained the age of 65 years have either collected or applied for retirement claims representing themselves as being age 65 and what is the breakdown by various UIC regions across Canada?

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. In the normal course of their duties, benefit control officers investigate claims in this group to guard against the possibility of fraudulent claims; however, separate statistics on the number of such cases investigated and results obtained are not separable from general control statistics.