

3. October 7, 1974.
4. The question is of a hypothetical nature.

## SPACE ALLOTTED TO DONOVAN JOY ON DND 707 FLIGHT

**Question No. 771—Mr. McKinnon:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 306, wherein the Department stated that Mr. Donovan Joy was allotted priority one space on a DND 707 flight, Comox to Ottawa, on April 22, 1974, and the purpose was "to advise the Minister upon the completion of reports", were the Minister of the Environment and Mr. Joy on the West Coast for several days before they flew East together and, if so, for what reason did Mr. Joy not report to the Minister in situ instead of occupying priority space on DND 707?

**Mr. Len Marchand (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment):** This matter does not fall within the administrative responsibility of the present Minister of the Environment (see Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Form—Fourth Edition, citation 171 (LL)).

## SIRENS—ACCIDENTAL TRIGGERING

**Question No. 1,221—Mr. O'Sullivan:**

1. Did sirens warning of a possible nuclear attack sound in Southern Ontario during the last week of December, 1974 and, if so (a) how many sirens sounded (b) in which municipalities (c) for how long did they sound (d) for what reason did they sound?

2. (a) Who is responsible for the maintenance of these air raid sirens (b) how much was paid for their maintenance in the calendar year 1974 (c) what measures, if any, have been taken to prevent any accidental triggering of these sirens in the future?

3. In the event of the air raid sirens sounding, which members of the Cabinet, if any, are to be so advised?

4. Were any members of the Cabinet advised of the soundings that occurred during the last week of December, 1974 and, if so, which members and on what date?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** 1. No. The sirens were triggered and emanated a flat monotone sound but the attack warning signal was not given. The attack warning signal is a waiting, undulating sound. (a) 162. (b) The municipalities in which the sirens sounded are: Newmarket, Markham, Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Maple, Woodbridge, Aurora, Oak Ridges, Thornhill, Oakville, Streetsville, Brampton, Malton, Cooksville, Port Credit, Toronto, Georgetown, Milton, Hamilton, Action, St. Catharines, Beamsville, Niagara on the Lake, Welland, Niagara Falls. (c) The duration of the sounding varied from 15 to 45 minutes. (d) The activation of the sirens was due to an act of vandalism by two teenagers using powered rifles.

2. (a) CFB Toronto—Base Construction Engineering Section. (b) \$8,490. (c) Within the design of the system there are physical, mechanical and electrical safeguards to provide reasonable assurance against the sirens being activated accidentally. All accidental soundings in 1974 were attributable to lighting, ice storms or vandalism. Measures to preclude all possibility of accidental sounding would be cost prohibitive.

3. The Minister of National Defence or the Acting Minister, is to be advised if the attack warning signal is given.

4. No. The minister is only advised if the attack warning is sounded. Accidental soundings are reported to the

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regional commander for corrective action and advice to the public.

## PRIME MINISTER'S VACATION

**Question No. 1,225—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the full name and job designation of the person on the Prime Minister's staff who informed the press that it was not possible to reveal where the Prime Minister would spend his recent vacation "for security reasons"?

2. Was such a statement by the member of the Prime Minister's staff an attempt to create an air of importance designed to attract public attention to the Prime Minister and members of his family for political purposes?

3. Did the Prime Minister or anyone acting on his behalf request secrecy from the Jamaican Government concerning the vacation and (a) if so (i) on what date and by whom was such a request made (ii) what are all the details of the request (b) if not, what was the basis or consistency in the attempt by the Prime Minister's Office to shroud the vacation in the secrecy at the outset?

4. What are all the reasons that details were withheld at the outset from members of the Canadian news media when the Prime Minister was aware that on arrival he would be met by the Prime Minister of Jamaica and members of the news media in that country?

5. (a) Is the Prime Minister aware that President Ford of the United States recently vacationed in Colorado and, if so, is he aware that there were no pompous attempts by the President's Office to shroud the vacation in secrecy (b) is the Prime Minister aware that the President talked freely to members of the public and the news media while on vacation and is the Prime Minister giving consideration to following President Ford's example?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** 1. Courtney Tower, Assistant Press Secretary.

2. No.

3. (a) No. (b) None.

4. The Prime Minister's vacation was a private occasion.

5. (a) No. (b) The Prime Minister regularly talks freely with members of the public and the news media.

## AIR CANADA PASSES

**Question No. 1,523—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Since January 1, 1974, how many passes have been in effect and at any time issued by Air Canada (a) what are the names and addresses of all persons holding such passes (b) what are the reasons in each case that a pass was issued (c) in each case, was the pass requested by the holder or someone acting on the holder's behalf?

2. Have any passes been called in by Air Canada or returned by the pass holder since January 1, 1974 and, if so, what are the names and addresses of such pass holders and what is the reason in each case for such a move?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** The management of Air Canada advises as follows: 1. (a) and (b) Air Canada has a program of limited personal free transportation for its 22,000 employees and their qualified dependents. The quantity of such passes, which are subject to the availability of space at flight departure, is sealed in accordance with an employee's years of service. A number of passes are provided each year for promotional purposes and the airline considers the names of persons receiving these individual trip passes as proprietary information. As well, passes are issued as required for employee business travel and to non-company persons such as cabinet ministers, Ministry of Transport officials with aviation responsibilities, Canada Post Office offi-