

Order Paper Questions

[Text]

VIA RAIL CALENDAR

Question No. 4,662—**Mr. McKnight:**

1. Did VIA Rail distribute a 1983 calendar and, if so (a) to whom (b) what was the total cost of the calendar (c) how many copies were printed (d) who authorized the decision to print and distribute the calendar?

2. Does the cost of the printing of the calendar positively enhance passenger rail service in Canada and, if so, in what manner?

3. Are there any plans to print VIA Rail calendars for the next year?

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The management of VIA Rail Canada Inc. advises as follows:

1. Yes. (a) The calendar was distributed in Canada to recipients of VIA's annual report, business leaders and business contacts, media contacts and travel writers, VIA appointed travel agents, and to similar groups in the United States and Europe. (b) \$22,950. (c) 8,000 English, 5,000 French. (d) Vice-President, Marketing.

2. In the opinion of VIA management, the calendar is a valuable part of VIA's campaign to maintain a positive public image for passenger train service in Canada. VIA requested a Canadian artist to paint five scenes of Canada, as seen from a passing VIA train. The paintings represent each region of Canada at a different season, plus one "Pan Canadian" scene representative of the country as a whole.

3. A 1984 calendar is under consideration.

[English]

Mr. Smith: I would ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: The question indicated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary has been answered.

[English]

Mr. MacKay: Madam Speaker, very briefly, could I ask the Parliamentary Secretary whether he would expedite the answers to my Order Paper Question No. 4,704, involving CMHC, and particularly the Corporation's mortgage portfolio management system. I know that the Corporation is aware of the question. I also know that an audit is being carried out. I would like to have the answers as soon as possible so that I would not take up the time of the House unnecessarily in asking unduly detailed questions of the Minister.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I would be delighted to review the matter on behalf of the Hon. Member.

Mr. McKenzie: Madam Speaker, I would also like to ask the Parliamentary Secretary about Order Paper Question No. 4,175, which I placed on the Order Paper on March 24, 1982. The question asked whether there was correspondence between an R. W. B. Bailey, chairman of the subgroup, and a Mr. R. Gagnon, Assistant Deputy Minister to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, dated February 17 and 19,

1982, respectively, on the subject of the hiring team to recruit francophone employees.

Apparently they were hiring teams to go into universities and schools in Ontario and Quebec to hire strictly Francophones for jobs in the Government. I would like to know if the Government has sent any hiring teams into universities and schools in any other Provinces, such as the University of Winnipeg or the University of Manitoba. With the record high unemployment rate, it would certainly be beneficial for us to know if these hiring teams are going across Canada or whether they will be restricted to the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. I would appreciate it if the Parliamentary Secretary would come back with an answer for me, because I raised this matter on a number of occasions, and the question is a year old.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I am sorry that I do not have the answer available today.

Mr. McDermid: You never do.

Mr. Smith: However, I will look into the matter on behalf of the Hon. Member.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

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[English]

MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—
MOTIONS

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Shall all orders listed under Private Members' Notices of Motions preceding No. 61 be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.