

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the multiculturalism directorate and the Department of Supply and Services as follows:

1. Yes, *Cultures Canada* is a publication of the multiculturalism directorate of the Department of the Secretary of State.

- (a) Ten issues per year.
- (b) One quarter person-year is allocated to the publication by the multiculturalism directorate. The amount of time involved in printing is not known as suppliers do not include this information in their bids.
- (c) The average total cost per issue is \$3,422. This includes the costs for the original rough designs, writing, editing, layout, markups, final artwork, typesetting and the printing charges by the Department of Supply and Services. The unit cost per issue is 57 cents.
- (d) Six thousand copies per issue of *Cultures Canada* are printed. They are distributed to ethnic organizations, libraries, Members of Parliament, educational institutions related to multiculturalism and private individuals who have requested the newsletter.

Issue No.	Printer	Cost
1	See reply to question No. 1,049 answered October 6, 1980	\$ 981.00
2	Canadian Government Printing Office Main Plant	1,163.91
3	National Printers (Ottawa)	1,153.33
4	National Printers (Ottawa)	1,128.48
5	National Printers (Ottawa)	1,145.92
6	Lowe-Martin (Ottawa)	995.49
7	Lowe-Martin (Ottawa)	997.75
7 (Reprint)	Lowe-Martin (Ottawa)	976.62
8	Lowe-Martin (Ottawa)	962.48
9	Lowe-Martin (Ottawa)	959.92
10	Lowe-Martin (Ottawa)	905.72

- (b) Issues Nos. 3 to 10 were printed externally and tenders were called in all cases except for Issues Nos. 4 and 5. This requirement was negotiated with the previous printer because of a short lead time of two days requested by the Department of the Secretary of State.

Order Paper Questions

See also question No. 1,049, answered October 6, 1980.

The Department of Supply and Services (CGPO) did not contract for the design of any of these issues, however, the rough designs were acquired by the Department of the Secretary of State by means of a letter of agreement with Communications Consultants Ltd. for a cost of \$775.

FUEL TAX REBATE

Question No. 2,371—Mr. McKnight:

For the past two years to date, what percentage of the total cost incurred with respect to the filing and processing of the application regarding the fuel tax rebate for farmers was administrative?

Hon. William Rompkey (Minister of National Revenue): For the two years ending April 10, 1981, the cost of filing and processing the application for refund of excise gasoline tax for farmers in estimated at 0.85 per cent of the total cost for refund of excise gasoline tax for farmers.

FEATHERBED FILE

Question No. 2,376—Mr. Cossitt:

Since the government instituted a review as to whether or not the Taschereau papers on national security should be released for public view, will it reconsider its refusal to make public the Featherbed file and, if so, will some person or persons be appointed to review the matter and report to Parliament?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): The hon. member is referred, *inter alia*, to question No. 22 answered March 4, 1981; question No. 23 answered April 7, 1981; questions Nos. 24 and 26 answered July 18, 1980; question No. 25 answered January 12, 1981; question No. 100 answered June 26, 1980; and question No. 1,334 answered January 21, 1981.

TRUST FUNDS FOR INDIAN BANDS

Question No. 2,392—Mr. Blenkarn:

1. With reference to the answer to question No. 2,021 (a) what is the total amount held by the government in trust for treaty Indians and is the trust fund broken down on a band basis (b) is the money spent on behalf of status Indians who may be band members or is it spent on behalf of treaty Indians?

2. Is the government using treaty money to support the activities of Indians who are only status Indians and, if so, on what basis is the government using the treaty funds?

3. If treaty trust funds are maintained for individual bands, which members of the bands are entitled to benefit from the funds?

4. Does the government use treaty trust funds resulting from the sale of treaty lands other than for the benefit exclusively of treaty Indians and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Parts 1, 2, 3 and 4.

As stated in the reply to question No. 2021, answered on April 9, 1981, trust funds are maintained for individual Indian bands rather than on the basis of treaties. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has no record of a treaty trust fund and no accounts known as treaty trust funds.