

Order Paper Questions

that Your Honour holds there is a prima facie case, and if the right hon. Prime Minister insists on his defiance and refuses to withdraw, it may well be that I will want to move a motion. Would the House and Your Honour agree that the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton, in my absence, if the occasion arises, might move that motion? Perhaps this is hypothetical, but I want to hold open that possibility. It will not drag on as long as some of the activities of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the government.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Let me hasten to assure the hon. member for Peace River, as I am doing today, that in respect of any ruling I would make now, or in the event of any ruling I would make on some other decisions which might have to take place, I would always attempt to guard very carefully the position of all interested members.

Mr. Andy Hogan (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention since I have been sitting in the House today that derogatory remarks were made about my constituents by the hon. member for Crowfoot, now Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, who used to be a Tory.

Mr. Paproski: That is the guy.

An hon. Member: He still is a Tory.

Mr. Hogan: Because of the time notice, I did not have a chance to let Your Honour know that I wanted to raise a question of privilege today, but I would ask Your Honour's indulgence to allow me to do so on Monday.

Mr. Speaker: I note the hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce is not present in the House at this time. Perhaps the hon. member for Cape Breton-East Richmond might want to raise that question the first time the minister is in the House.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 120, 121, 173, 224, 236, 264, 316, 328, 332 and 358.

[Mr. Baldwin.]

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DEPARTMENTAL MAGAZINES

Question No. 120—**Mr. Herbert:**

Are any limitations imposed on the frequency of publication, the number distributed or the unit or total cost of departmental magazines?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): Revised policy and guidelines on the management of publications in the government of Canada were issued earlier this year. This document establishes the responsibilities of departments and DSS regarding the pricing, marketing, distribution of various types of publications. Fully-priced publications i.e. publications which DSS consider to be marketable, are expected to recover their costs. However, with respect to other publications, either free or subsidized, there are no specific guidelines which would have the effect of restricting costs resulting from quality or quantity. At the moment, the responsibility to impose such limits rests with departments. However, departmental expenditures for information activities are scrutinized by Treasury Board during the resource allocation process and are approved by parliament through annual estimates.

GUIDELINES ON USE OF OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS

Question No. 121—**Mr. Herbert:**

Has the government issued guidelines to departments on the hiring of outside consultants and, if so, what are the guidelines and what reporting procedure is established if the terms or limitations suggested in the guidelines are to be exceeded?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): The Treasury Board has issued guidelines on obtaining the services of management consultants in the following documents: 1966-2 Guidelines on obtaining the services of management consultants from outside the government. MI-9-66 Policy on the use of management consultants from outside the government. 1967-28 Reporting on the use of management consultants from outside the government. 1968-47 Submission of reports on the capabilities of outside management consultants. These guidelines are currently under review along with the development of more general guidelines for other types of consulting services. All consulting services contracts fall under the government contract regulations SOR/75-530 which establish limitations on departments. For contracts which exceed the limits defined in sections 23 and 24 of the regulations, departments must obtain Treasury Board approval to enter into a contract.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON STATUS OF WOMEN PERSONNEL

Question No. 173—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. What is the total number of persons under contract to the Advisory Council on the Status of Women and how many are retired public servants?
2. What was the total amount in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 paid to those under contract and how much of this was to retired public servants?