

PUBLISHING OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Question No. 3,460—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to question No. 1,487 on the subject of whether surveillance of any kind, the tapping of telephones or the using of devices to listen to automobile conversations of any Members of Parliament had taken place in the past three years and which stated in part that if the answer was given in the "negative such information could provide comfort or aid to those involved in ongoing violations of national security", will the government adopt a policy of making public which Members of Parliament, if any, were involved in the violation of national security and those who were not?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): No, it is not in the national interest for the government to make public the names of individuals who are or are not involved in the violation of national security.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE CONTRACTS

Question No. 3,693—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. Did the Department of National Defence place a \$678,000 contract with Remtec Inc. for a semi-trailer and, if so (a) for what purpose (b) does the cost include any equipment that may have to be installed in the semi-trailer?

2. Did the department rent cars from Rent-A-Wreck for a cost of \$12,888 under contract number HAL81-5686/1 and, if so, for what purpose?

3. Did the department award a \$88,832 contract to Air, Earth and Oceans Limited for a "study of detectability of tracks in snow" under contract number 10SD 97701-1-68218 (ISD81-00103) and, if so, what is the rationale behind this decision?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. The Department of Supply and Services awarded a contract, on behalf of the Department of National Defence, to Remtec Inc., for the purchase of 12 bulk haul semi-trailers in the amount of \$678,000.

(a) the purpose of these 18,000 litres aluminum tank trailers is for hauling fuel;

(b) yes, the cost includes equipment normally associated with this type of vehicle.

2. The Department of Supply and Services awarded a contract, on behalf of the Department of National Defence, to Rent-A-Wreck in the amount of \$12,888 to provide a maximum of three cars per day during the period of October 1, 1981 to September 30, 1982. The purpose of the contract is to meet the requirements of the Base Transport Unit at CFB Halifax.

3. The Department of Supply and Services awarded a contract, on behalf of the Department of National Defence, to Air, Earth and Ocean Ltd. who submitted an innovative unsolicited research proposal which was relevant to the Department of National Defence's requirements. The work concerns the determination of vehicular and non-vehicular snow track conditions that are capable of being detected using ground-based thermal infrared sensors, with support from drone and ground-based photography and other sensors. In addition, the project includes a potential application in search and rescue missions.

Housing

TAX DEDUCTIONS AT SOURCE

Question No. 3,698—**Mr. Deans:**

Did the government instruct employers to collect income tax in excess of levels in effect under the Income Tax Act and, if so, under what authority?

Mr. Claude Tessier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue): No. The Income Tax Act, section 153, provides that the amounts that are required to be withheld as payments on account of tax are to be set by regulation. The regulations are amended each year following the coming into force of the budget. The regulations presently in force require greater withholding amounts than are called for in the tables recently issued as guidelines for employers.

Tax withholding tables are normally issued as early as possible in December in order that employers have adequate lead time to introduce the necessary changes in their systems. Historically, intended changes announced by various ministers of finance have been incorporated in these publications and this practice was followed in the preparation of the tables for the 1982 taxation year.

It should be recognized that tax withholding only represents a payment on account of a future tax liability and the tables are designed to closely approximate the taxpayer's annual tax liability so that at year end the taxpayer will not be faced with an outstanding balance. The ultimate liability and the actual tax assessments will be established in strict accordance with the enacting legislation as finally passed for Parliament.

[English]

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

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

NATIONAL HOUSING ACT
CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION
ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Wednesday, February 24, 1982, consideration of the motion of Mr. Cosgrove that Bill C-89, to amend the National Housing Act and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Hon. Jake Epp (Provencher): Mr. Speaker, as I enter the debate on Bill C-89 I note the exercise the House has just been through, namely, closure. As I observed the minister responsible for housing during this debate I noted that he has been