

*Order Paper Questions***ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS***[English]***PETITIONS****MR. ROSE—CALL FOR REINSTATEMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

**Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody):** Madam Speaker, I rise to present the views of 1,639 petitioners of my riding of Mission-Port Moody. The signatories, in expressing their outrage over the brutal murders of B.C. children by self-confessed killer Clifford Olson, call for the reinstatement of capital punishment.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Rose:** While I personally do not support the death penalty, I believe it is my duty as their elected representative to present my constituents' views to this assembly, the highest court in the land.

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**QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER**

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 4,120, 4,402, 4,403, 4,426, 4,436, 4,469 and 4,470.

*[Text]***CABINET MINISTER'S EXEMPT STAFF**

**Question No. 4,120—Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

1. For each Cabinet Minister, what are the names of executive assistants and other members of exempt staff who are receiving income from sources other than from funds allotted to ministerial budgets?

2. What are the names of those who receive income, favours, loans or other benefits of value from sources other than those permitted by the conflict of interest guidelines for Cabinet Ministers and former Cabinet Ministers?

3. Did the Prime Minister supply every Cabinet Minister, every executive assistant and all members of the exempt staff with copies of the "Code of Ethics" produced by the late Prime Minister Pearson and with a copy of the conflict of interest guidelines for Cabinet Ministers and former Cabinet Ministers?

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** 1. Exempt staff who have been designated by Ministers as being subject to the conflict of interest guidelines for Ministers must make public disclosures of gifts or other benefits of a value exceeding \$200 received from any source. These disclosures are available in the Public Registry maintained by the Assistant Deputy Registrar General. Those members of the exempt staff that Ministers have not deemed to be subject to the conflict of interest guidelines for Ministers are subject to the guidelines for public servants. In both cases, it is impossible for the Government to know of income that is not required to be declared, other than through confidential declarations under the Income Tax Act. For instance, some

exempt staff could be receiving income from blind trusts set up in accordance with the guidelines, family allowance cheques, or interest on bonds that bears no relationship to their present employment.

In addition, an individual can be seconded to a Minister's office on an interchange assignment from the private or public sector. The salary of such an individual remains the responsibility of and is paid by the organization the person is seconded from, and the Minister reimburses the organization from his approved budget an amount equal to the salary of the position to which the individual is assigned.

**Mr. Michael Phelps,** was employed as Executive Assistant to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, under an interchange assignment from June 16, 1980 to June 22, 1982. His salary was paid by Petro-Canada and the Minister reimbursed Petro-Canada an amount equal to the salary of the position to which Mr. Phelps is assigned.

2. The Government is not aware of any exempt staff who are receiving income, favours, loans or other benefits of value from sources other than those permitted by the conflict of interest guidelines for Ministers.

3. All Cabinet Ministers, their Executive Assistants and designated members of their exempt staffs have received copies of the Conflict of Interest Guidelines for Ministers of the Crown and the Post-Employment Guidelines. A copy of the Prime Minister's letter of April 30, 1980 to all Ministers concerning the conflict of interest requirements applicable to Ministers' exempt staff members, other related correspondence, and the Guidelines were tabled in the House of Commons on May 1, 1980.

**TERM EMPLOYEES**

**Question No. 4,402—Mr. Gauthier:**

Were term employees informed of the termination of their employment following the Budget of the Minister of Finance and, if so, how many in each government (a) Department (b) Agency?

**Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of State (Finance)):** Prior to accepting a position for a specified period (term) within the Department of Finance, a person is advised through the letter of offer of the termination date of his/her employment. This is a requirement under Public Service Employment Regulations. This process was not affected by the Budget of the Minister of Finance.

**STUDY OF IMPACT OF FUEL TAXES IN CANADA**

**Question No. 4,403—Mr. Mazankowski:**

Did the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources hire Dr. D. Brean of the University of Toronto to study the impact of taxation on fuel use in Canada and, if so (a) at what cost (b) what was the rationale behind the study (c) what conclusions or recommendations did the study advance?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: EM&R awarded a contract to the University of Toronto Institute for Policy Analysis on March 9, 1982