

### Order Paper Questions

#### EMIGRATION REFUSALS BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES

##### Question No. 3,678—Mr. Cossitt:

To the knowledge of the government, how many persons from the Soviet Union were refused exit visas during each of the past three years by Soviet authorities after approval of entry to Canada was given by Canadian authorities?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Tabulated below are the known number of refusal decisions made by Soviet authorities in respect to applications by Soviet citizens to emigrate to Canada. The Canadian Embassy in Moscow is dependent on the applicant himself for such information. But since not all applicants keep the Embassy informed of such decisions, or about changes in their plans to emigrate, the figures below are approximations only.

	1979	1980	1981
Emigration refusals by Soviet authorities—cases/(persons)	55/(129)	35/(99)	13/(30)

#### RCMP SECURITY FILES

##### Question No. 3,768—Mr. Cossitt:

With reference to the answer to question No. 3,230 which stated that the government will not guarantee that RCMP security files will not be destroyed, altered or changed in any way during and after transfer from RCMP jurisdiction to the new civilian security service (a) what are all the details of government policy with regard to which files would be destroyed, altered or changed (b) what are all the reasons that the government would wish to destroy, alter or change such files in any way (c) will the government immediately reconsider its decision and agree to leave the RCMP security files intact?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** (a) No file destruction is taking place in the Security Service at this time. In response to recommendation No. 14 of the McDonald Commission report, I am presently considering a revised policy on the retention and disposal schedules for Security Service files.

(b) Revised destruction and retention schedules are required for the efficient operation of the Security Service; also, see part (b) of reply to question No. 3,230 printed in *Hansard* February 9, 1982, at page 14814.

(c) No.

#### INSPECTION OF MAIL AT PENAL INSTITUTIONS

##### Question No. 3,771—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Is it the practice of federal penal authorities to open or in any way inspect the mail received by inmates from Members of Parliament or from solicitors acting for the inmates and, if so, in how many cases was this done during the past three years?

2. Is the mail at any later time read or noted by prison authorities visiting the cells of the inmates concerned and, if so, in how many cases did this happen in each of the past three years?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada is concerned:

1. Mail received by inmates from Members of Parliament is considered to be privileged and CSC policy is to provide absolute confidentiality of communication. As to correspondence between inmates and legal counsel, it is normally exempt from opening and censorships. The director, however, has the authority to order that an envelope which appears to have originated from or to be addressed to a solicitor be opened for inspection where he has reason to believe that the unrestricted and unexamined passage of mail to or from a particular inmate represents a danger to the safety and security of the institution. The content may be read only to the minimum extent necessary to establish whether it is properly the subject of solicitor-client privilege. In the absence of such an order, the correspondence is forwarded to the addressee unopened. Statistics are not kept on the number of times such letters are opened.

2. It is not the policy or the general practice of prison authorities to read the correspondence that inmates keep in their cells.

#### MR. CLIFFORD OLSON

##### Question No. 4,183—Mr. Lewis:

1. Were arrangements made for Mr. Clifford Olson's wife to visit him at government expense while he is in Kingston Penitentiary and, if so, at what cost?

2. (a) Does Mr. Olson have a private cell in the Kingston Penitentiary (b) does he have a television set in his cell (c) are meals served to him in his cell (d) does he have a private exercise area away from other inmates?

3. Does Mr. Olson or any other person designated by him receive any regular remuneration as a result of his confession and subsequent conviction and, if so, what amount?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are concerned: 1. No.

2. (a) Yes, Mr. Olson has an individual cell as do all inmates incarcerated in federal institutions. (b) No. (c) No. (d) No, he exercises with other inmates on his range.

3. No.

#### CANARCTIC SHIPPING COMPANY LTD.

##### Question No. 4,273—Mr. MacKay:

1. Is the government involved in any way in Canarctic Shipping Company Ltd. of Ottawa and, if so, in what way?

2. Is the Canarctic Shipping Company Ltd. operating the *M.V. Arctic*?

3. Was the *M.V. Arctic* ever on time-charter to the U.S.S.R. chartering agency Sovfracht and, if so (a) what were the main contractual provisions of the time-charter (b) did the government approve the time-charter?

4. Has the *M.V. Arctic* any equipment, heretofore unknown to the U.S.S.R., for navigating in ice conditions?

**Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Transport Canada advises as follows:

1. Yes. Majority shareholder.

2. Yes.

3. Yes. Canarctic time-charters this vessel to North Water Navigation Ltd. of Montreal each winter. North Water Navi-