

[Editor's note : Questions to be answered are as follows: 2, 127, 157, 161, 177, 218, 219, 233, 244, 287, 296, 334, 344, 349, 384, 393, 398, 399, 400, 407, 425, 433, 444, 465, 473, 475, 477, 512, 515, 518, 519, 524, 541, 544, 545, 546, 551, 555, 558, 559, 562, 577, 578, 579, 584, 585, 624, 635, 636, 637, 640, 641, 643, to 647 incl., 650, 684, 685, 687, 727, 733, 737, 741, 750 to 774 incl., 788, 824, 866 and 867.]

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DAIRY PROGRAM

Question No. 2—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the Department of Agriculture's Dairy Programme announcement made on April 4, 1977, did the announcement include a statement that the government would spend \$4,000,000 this year for market promotion and research and, if so, what has been spent to date, in what manner and if a balance remains, how will it be spent and on what date?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Yes, the announcement of the dairy program on April 4, 1977, included a statement that the government would spend \$4 million for market promotion and research in 1977-78.

As at March 31st, 1978, a total of \$2,956,228.54 was spent in the following manner and the balance of the unexpended moneys lapsed at the end of the fiscal year 1977-78:

Product promotion	\$ 2,379,000.00
Market Research	316,502.41
Product Research	260,726.13

For the fiscal year 1978-79 a total of \$4 million has been allocated for market promotion and research.

As of November 20, 1978, a total of \$692,720.00 has been spent in the following manner:

Product promotion	\$ 371,114.00
Product Research	321,606.00
Market Research	0

The balance of funds are committed to the full amount and are expected to be spent within the fiscal year.

"CODE BLUE"

Question No. 22—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did Mr. Robin Bourne, Director of the Police and Security Planning and Analysis Group, Department of the Solicitor General, appear on the program "Code Blue" telecast by CTV a few months ago and did he state that a terrorist incident was inevitable in Quebec and, if so, does this statement reflect the opinion of the government?

2. Did Mr. Bourne appear on the program with permission of any superior and, if so, what is the name and job designation of the superior?

3. Is the government aware that the program "Code Blue" carried in places items similar to those included in a column in the *Toronto Sun* by Mr. Peter Worthington on the subject of national security?

4. For what reason was the Publisher of the *Toronto Sun*, Mr. David Creighton, and the Editor, Mr. Peter Worthington charged under the *Official Secrets Act*?

5. Does the government intend to lay charges under the *Official Secrets Act* in respect of the program "Code Blue" and, if not, for what reason?

**Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council):** I am informed by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and the Department of Justice as follows:

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1. Mr. Bourne had the Solicitor General's permission to grant an interview to CTV about crisis management. CTV decided to include film clips from this interview on the program "Code Blue". Mr. Bourne did not state that a terrorist incident was inevitable in Quebec.

2. See part 1.

3. Yes.

4 and 5. It would be improper for the Minister of Justice to comment on the case that is now before the courts with regard to the *Toronto Sun*.

MR. TOM RUSEKSKI

Question No. 157—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. To the knowledge of the government, did Mr. Tom Rusekski of Ottawa appear before the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission on or about Tuesday, October 10, 1978 and, if so (a) was one of the subjects dealt with the alleged censorship of Radio Canada International by the government (b) is Mr. Rusekski a former employee of the CBC and, if so, what position did he hold and during what time and did he allege that he was illegally dismissed a few days after filing a brief of complaints with the CRTC (c) did Mr. Rusekski charge that a "cover-up" operation was conducted after the honourable member for Leeds asked questions in the House of Commons about alleged censorship of Radio Canada International broadcasts beamed to the Soviet Union?

2. Did Mr. Rusekski state that Mr. Alan Brown, Director of Radio Canada International, said that questions by the honourable member for Leeds in the House of Commons lead to high level meetings with the Minister of External Affairs, the Secretary of State, the President of the CBC and other officials and further, did he quote Mr. Brown to the effect that they were "all talking about these bloody questions and what should be done about them"?

3. On what date, in what places, by what means and at what times did any conference or communications of any kind take place on the subject of the questions by the honourable member for Leeds by any of the following (a) the Minister of External Affairs (b) the Secretary of State (c) CBC President Mr. Al Johnson (d) any other officials and the names and job designations of such other officials?

4. Did the CBC legal staff try to stop Mr. Rusekski from giving testimony before the CRTC on alleged censorship of Radio Canada International and, if so (a) was such an attempt made by CBC lawyer Mr. David Chatia and what are all the reasons that the CBC attempted to stop such testimony (b) is it part of any CBC or government policy to institute additional censorship or does either have a policy to silence former and present employees?

**Hon. John Roberts (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

Mr. Tom Rusekski appeared before the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission on Tuesday, October 10, 1978. The proceedings of the CRTC of that date are a matter of public records. Mr. Rusekski is also suing the CBC in connection with his dismissal by the corporation. Until such time as the CRTC has concluded its deliberations on the representations made to it by him, and the legal action has been concluded, it would be improper for the CBC to comment on or discuss these matters.