

Order Paper Questions

Private Bills and Standing Orders, tabled in the House on Wednesday, March 2, 1983, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

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● (1520)

[English]

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. 4,545 and 4,622.

[Text]

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Question No. 4,545—Mr. Hawkes:

1. Did Mr. Edmund Clark, Assistant Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, receive the Outstanding Achievement Award and, if so, is the Prime Minister aware of this fact?

2. (a) What are the qualifications required of a person to receive such an award (b) how are such individuals chosen (c) if the selection is done by a group of persons, what are the names and job designations of each person involved?

3. Along with the award, did Mr. Clark receive a work of art by a Canadian artist and, if so (a) what was the cost of the work of art (b) who was authorized to make the selection of the work of art and what were the names and job designations of each person involved (c) what was the name of the artist chosen and for what reason was he/she chosen?

4. Is the award and work of art being held in Canada for Mr. Clark's return?

5. Will it be or has it been shipped to him in Paris, where he is on a one-year sabbatical, and, if so (a) what will be or has been the cost to the taxpayers (b) how has it been or will it be shipped (c) who authorized the shipment?

Hon. Herb Gray (President of Treasury Board): 1. On October 13, 1982 at Government House the Governor General in the presence of the Prime Minister, presented the 1981 Outstanding Achievement Award to Dr. W. Edmund Clark, in absentia.

2. (a) Candidates for the Outstanding Achievement Award will be those public servants who have, over a period of three or more years, performed their duties in a most outstanding manner. This sustained performance should be measurable in some way, possibly in some form of extraordinary accomplishment or sustained contribution to improved efficiency and government performance.

(b) Each year the heads of departments, corporations, boards commissions and agencies are invited to nominate eligible executives who are worthy of recognition. Documentation in support of each candidate is provided by the nominator and is presented to a Selection Committee of eminent Canadians from outside the Public Service.

(c) The Selection Committee in 1981 was comprised of the following Canadians who served without recompense:

John Bulloch, President, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Dr. John Godfrey, President, University of Kings College

Professeur Vianney Décarie, University of Montreal

Ms. Kathryn Robinson, lawyer, Goodman and Goodman

Mr. Colin Kenny, Corporate Manager, Dome Petroleum

3. No. See part 4. (a), (b) and (c) Not applicable.

4. Mr. Clark will be entitled to select a work of Canadian art to a value of \$2,500 on his return to Canada. See also reply to question No. 4,622, part 2 answered this day.

5. No. See part 4. (a), (b) and (c) Not applicable.

Question No. 4,622—Mr. Blenkarn:

1. Were Messrs. Klaus Goldschlag, Gordon Osbaldeston, Gaétan Lussier, Douglas Parkhill and Ed Clark the recipients of the award for "top civil servants in Canada for 1982" and did they receive a work of art as an award?

2. Will they be required to pay income tax on the value of the work of art and (a) if so, what was the value of the work of art for tax purposes awarded to Mr. Clark (b) if not, for what reason would such an award, if given in the private sector, be taxable, but would not when given to a public servant, especially one who is on sabbatical in France?

Mr. Peter Lang (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board): 1. The Outstanding Achievement Awards for 1982 were granted to Messrs. Klaus Goldschlag, Gordon Osbaldeston, Gaétan Lussier, Douglas Parkhill and Edmund Clark. All except Mr. Clark received a Canadian work of art. Mr. Clark will receive a work of art on his return to Canada.

2. The Outstanding Achievement Award is taxable and consists of an original Canadian work of art valued at \$2,500 or less and a matching grant in cash. The matching grant is not paid to the recipient but to the Receiver General to the credit of the recipient as tax deducted from source. (a) and (b) Not applicable.

[English]

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

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.