

Order Paper Questions

However, this is the prerogative of the government of the United Kingdom.

BUREAU OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTING

Question No. 2,586—Mr. Howie:

1. Were consultants provided by the Bureau of Management Consulting to the Canadian International Development Agency from April 1, 1978 to date and, if so, by fiscal year (a) how many (b) what amount was paid for their services?

2. Does the use of the bureau circumvent the normal consultant approval procedures within CIDA or the government consultant approval procedures set out by the Treasury Board?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. From April 1, 1978, to date the Bureau of Management Consulting, in accordance with the mandate of the Department of Supply and Services to provide management consulting services on the request of departments, provided consultants to CIDA to work on fifteen different projects in five different branches of the agency. The number of individual consultants who worked for varying lengths of time on these projects, and the amount paid for their services, are expressed below:

	Fiscal Year			
	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	(April & May) 1981-82
(a) No. of consultants	66	55	89	59
(b) Amount paid	\$2,552,000	\$1,971,000	\$3,056,000	\$471,000

2. The use of consultants from or through the Bureau of Management Consulting does not require approval from the Treasury Board. The use of consultants from or through the Bureau of Management Consulting is subject to the consultant approval procedures within CIDA.

DREE—FULL-TIME STAFF

Question No. 2,588—Mr. Howie:

How many full-time employees were on the staff of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion as of April 1 (a) 1979 (b) 1980 (c) 1981?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Department of Regional Economic Expansion): The reply for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows:

- (a) 1,933;
- (b) 1,879;
- (c) 1,945.

DIPP CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAE ELECTRONICS LTD.

Question No. 2,598—Mr. McKinnon:

1. Is the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, under the defence industry productivity program, contributing to CAE Electronics Ltd. 50 per cent of the non-recurring unrecovered development costs associated with the production of a Boeing B757 simulator, a Boeing B767 simulator, an Airbus A310 simulator, and an Airbus A300 simulator to a total of \$4,607,666 and, if so, to

the knowledge of the government, did the company identify a potential or existing market for the simulators?

2. Does the company expect a certain future sales value for the products and, if so, what is that value?

3. Does the company have any firm contracts for the simulators and, if so, with whom?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: 1. As stated in reply to question No. 2,508 on June 4, 1981, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is contributing to the development of simulators. Contributions are being made to CAE Electronics Ltd., Montreal, Quebec and total \$4,607,666. Identification of potential export markets is a requirement for DIPP contributions.

2. The company expects a certain future sales value of \$118.5 million for these simulators. Additionally, a potential market exists for these products of up to \$820 million.

3. The company has firm contracts totalling \$53.4 million for these simulators with the following airlines:

- United Airlines, U.S.A.
- TOA Domestic Airlines, Japan
- Singapore International Airlines
- Lufthansa German Airlines, FRG
- Eastern Airlines, U.S.A.
- British Airlines, U.K.
- Air Canada

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE—NEW DESK

Question No. 2,599—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the Prime Minister recently obtain a new desk for his office at a cost of approximately \$2,500 to be paid for by the government?

2. Was the desk constructed of limestone and, if so, did the limestone come from the area of Cambridge, Ontario?

3. Were other areas where limestone could be obtained given consideration?

4. Was consideration given to the large quantities of limestone available in the constituency of Leeds-Grenville and, if so, was it not selected on the grounds that (a) it possibly would be "bugged" (b) it possibly would be treated with a harmful substance or in any other way dangerous to the welfare of prime ministers?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): 1. The desk has not been received as yet. However, the approximate price of the limestone ordered and cut, is \$2,500. The labour to finish it and the installation is extra to the basic cost.

2. Yes, the desk is Amable Limestone from the area of Cambridge, Ontario.

3. Yes, a province wide search was made for the most suitable limestone.

4. Successive editions of Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms make it clear that "A question, oral or written must not be ironical, rhetorical, offensive, or contain epithet, innuendo, satire or ridicule... be trivial, vague or meaningless... be hypothetical... contain inferences... contain imputations..." and even if the authorities of the House