

might be entitled to receive legal aid but that it would be necessary for the member to contact the legal officer directly. The legal officer also explained that if she urgently required legal advice, she should contact a civilian lawyer, at which time she indicated she already had done so.

8. (a) No.
 (b) No.
 (c) No. He was informed that the investigation could continue until November, 1980.

9. No references were made to Russian agents.

10. Regarding instituting an investigation this has already begun. Sergeant Hutchison has instituted "redress of grievance" procedure within this department, and this automatically causes an investigation to be carried out.

11. The policy of the RCMP is to maintain the confidentiality of names of people they contact during the course of their inquiries. This policy extends to identifying members of the RCMP, the purpose and length of any ensuing discussion.

12. Yes, such a memo exists and Superintendent Hatherall made the call as a result of a telephone call from his immediate superior.

13. (a) Yes.
 (b) Yes.
 (c) Yes. As an explanation, the Inspector concerned asked Mrs. Hutchison if the two speakers were paid in Canadian or German funds, and the answer received was "Canadian". On this basis, the 489.99 was utilized as a value for duty. We now realize that perhaps the 489.99 D.M. could have been converted to Canadian dollar value and the bill paid in Canadian currency on the converted amount. A refund claim would be in order.
 (d) Yes. As follows—one pair of headphones and \$33.98 in lieu of D.M. 33.98 (same explanation as in (c) above).
 (e) No members of staff of the Canadian Embassy in Prague recall a conversation with Sergeant Hutchison on Canadian Customs regulations. However, a copy of Revenue Canada's booklet "Moving Back to Canada" received by the Embassy from the Department of External Affairs on January 7, 1980, was circulated to all Canada-based staff including Sergeant Hutchison, who initialled the covering form as having seen this document. The booklet states in part "if you have been residing outside Canada for anything from the one-year minimum to just under five years, your personal and household effects must have been in your ownership, possession and use for at least six months before you re-enter Canada".

14. Yes.

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15. His performance of his duties at the Canadian Embassy in Prague was considered fully satisfactory.

16. Only if investigation establishes that a charge is warranted. (a) (b) In view of the above—not applicable.

FUNDING OF CANCER RESEARCH

Question No. 1,572—Mr. Howie:

What amount of government funds has been allocated for research into the causes and treatments of cancer?

Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: funds allocated for research into causes and treatment of cancer during the fiscal year 1980-81 amount to \$2,630,140. This sum excludes salaries of professionals conducting intramural research.

In so far as the Medical Research Council is concerned: to date, for the fiscal year 1980-81, \$5,100,000 has been committed to research and research training to causes and treatment of cancer.

CANADA COUNCIL TOURING OFFICE

Question No. 1,676—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was Mr. Jean-Claude L'Espérance appointed general manager of the Canada Council touring office and, if so (a) on what date (b) what were his qualifications (c) did he resign on or about October 22, 1980, and, if so, for what reasons?

2. Did Mr. John Crompton and Mr. Michael Tabbitt leave the employ of the Canada Council touring office and, if so (a) on what dates (b) to the knowledge of the government, did they go into a private tour management business with Mr. Sam Gesser (c) have they sought any business from the council since leaving and, if so, what are all the details?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Canada Council that the reply to the above question is as follows:

1. Yes.
 (a) August 15, 1980.
 (b) Mr. L'Espérance has extensive experience in the world of theatre and in the organization of tours. He had worked as stage manager for the Théâtre du Rideau Vert and le Théâtre du Nouveau Monde. He was assistant technical director at Man and His World in 1969 and in 1970. In 1976, he became General Manager of Kébec Spec where he was actively involved in establishing a touring network.
 (c) Yes, the reason for resignation is personal.
2. Yes.
 (a) April 25, 1980.
 (b) It is general knowledge that Messrs. Crompton and Tabbitt, together with Mr. Sam Gesser, formed a private tour management business.
 (c) This firm has neither sought nor received any business from the Canada Council. However, since leav-