

Order Paper Questions

processing procedures are still in progress. It should be noted that refusals are only one component of non-response. Other components include households in which Statistics Canada was unable to contact any member during the survey period or households which were not required to complete the survey due to special circumstances (e.g. serious illness in the household).

5. Persons who refuse to complete a questionnaire are contacted by supervising officials of the bureau. Any questions relative to the survey are answered and respondents are given a detailed explanation of the reasons why the information is being sought. These explanations usually result in completion of the questionnaire.

6. The interviewer does not inform respondents that the questionnaire need not be answered nor are they told by the interviewer they must answer it or face a fine or imprisonment.

7. The documents containing this information are held in a specially secured controlled access area, available only to employees with "a need to know" in pursuance of their duties. All these employees are sworn to secrecy under the Statistics Act with severe penalties for any breach.

8. Yes. Interviewers hold official Statistics Canada identification cards which are shown to each respondent before the interview takes place.

9. The Statistics Act provides for severe penalties on conviction of up to \$1,000 fine and/or six months imprisonment for any divulgence of information by Statistics Canada staff obtained in the course of his/her duties.

10. The cost of collecting the information is estimated at \$358,000 or \$20 per household. Wages to temporary employees hired to carry out the survey account for a very large part of this amount.

ONE PARENT ASSISTANCE SUBSIDIES IN ABITIBI

Question No. 2,872—**Mr. Laprise:**

Since 1972, have one-parent families assistance subsidies been granted in the Constituency of Abitibi and, if so (a) how many (b) in which locations (c) of what amount, in each case?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): In keeping with the nature of the cost-shared programs administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare under the Canada Assistance plan, information of this type would be available from provincial authorities only.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S SALARY

Question No. 2,873—**Mr. Robinson:**

What is the salary of the Auditor General?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): \$60,000 per annum, effective April 1, 1977 (in accordance with Section 56(2) of the Financial Administration Act).

[Mr. Poulin.]

AIR CANADA FLIGHT TO CANADA

Question No. 2,874—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did Air Canada cease operating its Sunday day-time flight to England and, if so (a) on what date (b) for what reason?

2. What was the filled seat capacity percentage during the past four years the flight was in operation?

3. Will the flight be re-established and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): The management of Air Canada advises as follows:

1. Yes. (a) October 24, 1976. (b) The day-time flight was a more costly operation than the overnight service because time differences and airport curfews made it necessary for the aircraft to layover in London during the late evening and early morning hours. Also, passenger demand on the transAtlantic routes was for wide-body aircraft and to have placed one of these aircraft on a day-time flight would have made the operation even less economical.

2. Data for this complete period is not available. However, during the last 12 months of operation the day-time flight averaged a 50% load factor.

3. There are no immediate plans to re-establish a day-time service. However, a future operation, subject to market conditions, demand and economics, cannot be precluded.

REGIMENTAL TIE

Question No. 2,880—**Mr. O'Sullivan:**

1. Do the Governor General's Footguards have a regimental tie and, if so (a) is it available for purchase to members of the regiment and at what cost (b) is it available for purchase to others and, if so, to whom?

2. Has the Post Office Department recently issued to some of its employees a tie similar to that worn as the regimental tie of the Governor General's Footguards and, if so (a) is the tie identical and, if not, what is the difference (b) what is the cost per tie to each employee (c) how many have been issued or sold to employees (d) at the time of its purchase, were departmental officials aware of the similarity of the tie to that of the Governor General's Footguards (e) has the Department had any communication from the Department of National Defence concerning the tie?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Post Office as follows: 1. Yes. (a) It is available to members of the Regiment at the regimental kitshop at \$4./tie. (b) The tie can be bought by anyone at certain civilian/military tailors.

2. Since 1976, the Post Office Department has issued items of clothing to counter sales clerks consisting of maroon and blue jackets, white shirts and ties for males, and scarves for females. (a) There are two styles of ties issued: (1) Style A—three stripes running left to right. Width and colour of stripes: maroon, 1-1/8"; blue, 1-1/8"; white, 1/8"; (2) Style B—two stripes running left to right. Width and colour of stripes: maroon, 1"; blue, 1"; The Governor General's Footguards regimental tie has two stripes, maroon and navy, each 1" wide—stripes run right to left (opposite direction to Post Office tie). There is a similarity between this tie and the Post Office tie Style B, but they are not identical. (b) Cost per tie