

Order Paper Questions

its contents to any agency in the United States or elsewhere including the CIA or FBI?

2. What is the (a) name (b) job designation (c) address of the individual described in the file?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): As part of their responsibility for law enforcement, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police retains information in their records dealing with both criminal and security matters. The Policy of the RCMP is to preserve the confidentiality of their records, and therefore do not divulge information concerning either the record system or its contents.

NFB MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTIONS—SPONSORED FILM PROGRAM

Question No. 3,562—**Mr. Friesen:**

1. Does the government expect to implement the statement of intention by the Secretary of State on July 4, 1972, that "The National Film Board will no longer be the exclusive recipient of Government commissions; it will now have to compete with private producers for all film contracts awarded by a federal department or agency" and, if so, on what date?

2. In 1973-74, what was the total number of original motion pictures (a) produced by NFB for either their own programmes or for departments or agencies (b) contracted out by NFB to private Canadian producers?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): 1. The government has already given effect to its policy of contracting out an increasing share of its sponsored films requirement to the private sector, through the National Film Board. The record speaks for itself: Prior to 1972 the private sector received a maximum 8 per cent of the total NFB sponsored film program. This was worth approximately \$144,000 during fiscal year 1970-71. By the end of fiscal year 1974-75, the value of contracts to the private sector rose from \$144,000 to approximately \$1.6 million representing about 50 per cent of the total sponsored film program. In other words, during this period, the share to the private sector increased from 8 per cent to 50 per cent. The extent to which the NFB will compete with the private sector is the subject of current review and consultation with film industry representatives.

2. Please refer to NFB Annual Report 1973-74, pages 36 to 51 inclusive.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—RETENTION OF LAWYERS IN VICTORIA CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 3,626—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. What were the names and addresses of all lawyers and law firms in the Constituency of Victoria, British Columbia who performed services for the Department of Veterans Affairs during 1973 and 1974?

2. By year, what was the total amount paid to each?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

[Mr. Cossitt.]

INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE—LAWYERS RETAINED IN VICTORIA CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 3,632—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. What were the names and addresses of all lawyers and law firms in the Constituency of Victoria, British Columbia who performed services for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce during 1973 and 1974?

2. By year, what was the total amount paid to each?

Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. Nil.

2. Not applicable.

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[English]

STARRED QUESTION

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 2,124?

[Text]

* ALLEGED CREATION OF GROUP OF SEVEN ECONOMIC ADVISORS BY CABINET—NUMBER AND COST OF MEETINGS

Question No. 2,124—**Mr. Stevens:**

1. Has the Prime Minister's Group of Seven Economic Advisory Council, chaired by Albert Breton, been disbanded and, if so, on what date were they notified that their services would no longer be required?

2. How many meetings were held by the Group and what was the total remuneration and expenses paid to each member of the Group?

3. Have any of the Group been retained in the past month by the Prime Ministers Office or have been advised that their services may be used by the Prime Minister's Office in the future?

[Translation]

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, 1. The Prime Minister's Office has never established any formal economic advisory group. Dr. Albert Breton has acted as an economic consultant to the Principal Secretary, and on four occasions in late 1974 and early 1975 individuals in the economic field practising outside of the government's employ met with Dr. Breton for discussions with the Principal Secretary of their views on events of economic concern to the private sector.

2. Four meetings were held and expenses paid in connection for these meetings were \$1,962.29. No remuneration was paid, but each received an honorarium in the amount of \$100 for each meeting.

3. No retainer has existed in respect to these particular meetings, but Mr. Breton has been retained at \$200 per diem (as required) as an economic consultant in the Prime Minister's Office since September 16, 1974 to date.

Mr. Speaker: Are the remaining questions allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.