

## SUPPLY AND SERVICES—SECURITY DEPOSITS

Question No. 3,249—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. In the past five years, how many companies have refused to tender with the Department of Supply and Services because they were required to deposit securities by way of certified cheque?

2. Would the Minister indicate the necessity of security deposits realizing that at times firms have been reluctant to tender because of lengthy holdbacks on the return of security capital?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. As was indicated in the reply to question 1,996, security deposits are seldom required. Therefore, the Department does not record the number of companies who have refused to tender because they were required to deposit securities by way of certified cheque.

2. Pursuant to Part VI, Section 39 of the Government Contracts Regulations, security deposits are required only when it is considered essential as a means of ensuring that a bidder will accept a contract if he is the successful tenderer.

## RAIL COMMUTER SERVICE

Question No. 3,296—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. What progress is being made towards establishing a rail commuter service between Windsor Junction and outlying areas and the metropolitan community of Dartmouth and Halifax?

2. On what date will a final decision be known?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** 1 and 2. On July 30, 1975 the government announced a Capital Assistance Program to Commuter Services. Under this program the government of the province and the municipalities concerned after agreeing to an urban development strategy would apply for assistance to implement a commuter service in support of such a strategy. Since the initiative for proposing a commuter service between Windsor Junction and outlying areas and the metropolitan community of Dartmouth and Halifax rests with the province no decision will be made until an appropriate application is received and approved.

## SWIMMING POOL AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 3,323—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Is the Department of Public Works aware that W.N. Construction Ltd. of 36 Bentley Avenue tendered on the construction of the swimming pool at the Prime Minister's official residence at 24 Sussex Drive and, if so, what was the amount of the tender?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** As mentioned in answer to question No. 1,233, the service of the contractor for the construction of the swimming pool was engaged by the trustee for the donors. Since the costs have been assumed by private donors, information about firms that may have been approached and tenders that may have been submitted, are not of government record.

## SWIMMING POOL AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 3,324—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Is the Department of Public Works aware that F.E. Cummings Construction Co. Ltd. of 1534 Laperriere Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario tendered on the construction of the swimming pool at the Prime Minister's

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official residence at 24 Sussex Drive and, if so, what was the amount of the tender?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** See answer to question No. 3,323.

## SWIMMING POOL AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 3,325—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Is the Department of Public Works aware that Ottawa R. & R. Construction Ltd. of 335 Lebreton Street South, Ottawa, Ontario tendered on the construction of the swimming pool at the Prime Minister's official residence at 24 Sussex Drive and, if so, what was the amount of the tender?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** See answer to question No. 3,323.

## SWIMMING POOL AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 3,326—**Mr. Cossitt:**

What is the annual estimated cost from public funds of maintaining all aspects of the swimming pool at the Prime Minister's official residence at 24 Sussex Drive?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** See answer to question No. 3,323.

## SWIMMING POOL AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 3,355—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,233 concerning the swimming pool at the Prime Minister's official residence, 24 Sussex Drive, which stated in part "The group of donors was concerned that the Prime Minister and his successors have ready access to adequate physical fitness facilities . . ." (a) specifically to whom did they express such concern (b) on what dates (c) who expressed it?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** See Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, Fourth Edition, Citation 171(c), (d) and (r).

## SWIMMING POOL AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 3,356—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,233 which says in part "... the Prime Minister agreed to accept from a representative group of Canadians a gift of a swimming pool for the official residence at 24 Sussex Drive", what are all the facts that enabled him to designate the donors "a representative group of Canadians"?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** See answer to question No. 3,355.

## SWIMMING POOL AT 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 3,358—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Has the Prime Minister met personally or otherwise had discussions in any way whatsoever with Dr. W. H. Fader, 395 Brooks Street, Toronto, Trustee representing the donors to the swimming pool at the Prime Minister's official residence, 24 Sussex Drive on the subject of the swimming pool and, if so (a) on what dates (b) in what locations (c) what points were specifically dealt with?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** See answer to question No. 3,355.