

Order Paper Questions

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE LANGUAGE TRAINING COSTS

Question No. 2,572—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What are the total costs included in the 1975-76 Estimates of the Department of National Revenue for language training?
2. How are such costs divided between (a) salaries of personnel receiving instruction (b) salaries of instructional staff (c) additional or supplementary services to be purchased from the Public Service Commission (d) other costs?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of National Revenue): 1. \$2,129,220.

2. (a) Nil; (b) Nil; (c) \$1,031,810; (d) \$1,097,410.

*DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL REVENUE—TAX ON GIFT TO CITY OF CALGARY

Question No. 2,629—**Mr. Woolliams:**

1. Is the Department of National Revenue assessing a \$20,000 tariff on a 100th birthday gift to the City of Calgary made by the Dutch Canadian Centennial Committee of Calgary, of a \$100,000 electronic carillon made up of 330 bells?
2. Has the Department taken into consideration that the gift is for a charitable purpose, being Calgary's centennial year and that the carillon was not manufactured in Canada?
3. Under what item and for what reason has the Department and the Minister assessed the \$20,000 tax?
4. Has the Department taken into consideration that other gifts made of similar class and kind to churches, etc., have been exempted from such tax?
5. Does the Department consider that the tax must be assessed and collected and, if so, will the Minister be prepared to pass an Order in Council making the necessary refund in light of the fact that this is Calgary's centennial year and a year honouring the RCMP that held the West for Canada?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the answer reads as follows: 1. Yes. Through its broker the Dutch Canadian Centennial Committee has requested an estimate of the duty and taxes payable in respect of a musical instrument known as a "Schumerich Americana Mark V". This instrument is electronically operated and reproduces the sounds of a carillon but does not possess bells. It has been valued at \$58,194.50, and duty and sales tax payable are estimated to be \$16,760.02.

2. The tariff item under which the instrument has been imported does not permit taking into consideration the purpose of the gift or its made-in-Canada status.

3. The duty and taxes were estimated in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Customs Tariff and the

Customs Acts. The carillon falls under tariff item 59725-1 which provides: "Musical instruments of all kinds, n.o.p." The rate of duty applicable is 15 per cent, to which is added 12 per cent sales tax.

4. Yes. Tariff item 69605-1 permits churches and universities to import certain types of equipment not made in Canada duty free. However, in this case the gift was not made to either a church or a university.

5. There is no statutory authority for the Department to waive assessment and collection of the duty and taxes applicable. In the past, requests that duty and taxes on gifts made under similar circumstances be remitted by way of Order in Council have been refused and it is not considered that any deviation from this policy is warranted with respect to the gift to the City of Calgary.

SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT—PORT OF BROCKVILLE

Question No. 2,636—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What are the names and addresses of all persons who applied for seasonal employment with Canada Customs at the port of Brockville, Ontario?
2. What are the names and addresses of all persons who were actually interviewed for employment as seasonal officers with Canada Customs at the port of Brockville, Ontario?
3. What are the names and addresses of all persons who have been hired as seasonal officers with Canada Customs at the port of Brockville, Ontario?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of National Revenue): 1. Under the provision of section 25 of the Public Service Employment Regulations this information is considered to be confidential and therefore cannot be disclosed.

2. See reply to (1) above.

3. Mr. H. Cote, 241 York Street, Cornwall, Ontario.

TENDERS—DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Question No. 2,682—**Mr. Marshall:**

With regard to the Department of Supply and Services Tenders Nos. NEW4-3083A and NEW4-3092A (a) what are the names and addresses of each firm who submitted a bid (b) what amount was bid by each (c) which bid was successful?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): It is presumed that the reference to tender NEW4-3092A should read NEW4-3082A as it is related to tender NEW4-3083A. The following information replies to parts (a) and (b) of the question.

Name of Firm Tendering	Tender NEW4-3083A	Tender NEW4-3082A
Atlantic Derrick & Supply Co. Ltd. 221 Duckworth Street St. John's, Newfoundland	\$11,160	\$1,005
Heap & Partners (Nfld.) Limited 87 O'Leary Avenue St. John's, Newfoundland	\$37,260	\$3,105
Foulis Engineering Co. Ltd. P.O. Box 4129 St. John's, Newfoundland	\$41,040	\$3,465

[Mr. Lang.]