

*Order Paper Questions***INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT****MOTION TO PERMIT COMMITTEE TO TRAVEL**

On the order: Government Notices of Motions.

June 26, 1975—The President of the Privy Council:

That the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development be empowered to travel to Sarnia, Ontario and vicinity, from July 6th to 8th, 1975, for the purpose of studying economic development on local Indian reserves and that the necessary supporting staff do accompany the Committee.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section (2) of Standing Order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under Government Orders at the next sitting of the House.

MOTION TO PERMIT COMMITTEE TO ADJOURN FROM PLACE TO PLACE DURING RECESS

On the order: Government Notices of Motions.

June 26, 1975—The President of the Privy Council:

That the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development be empowered to adjourn from place to place in the eastern provinces and northern Canada during the coming recess in order to inquire into matters concerning development of the north and the affairs of native peoples and to view historic sites and parks and that the necessary supporting staff do accompany the committee.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section (2) of Standing Order 21, this notice of motion is transferred to and ordered for consideration under Government Orders at the next sitting of the House.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 1,232, 2,318, 2,331, 2,420, 2,499, 2,500, 2,501, 2,502, 2,546, 2,651, 2,820 and 2,832.

Mr. Speaker, if question No. 1,709 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 2,540?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

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CONSTRUCTION OF SWIMMING POOL, 24 SUSSEX DRIVE

Question No. 1,232—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What are the names and job designations of any and all persons instructing any employees of the Department of Public Works or of the National Capital Commission that they were not to discuss construction of a swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive with anyone including, specifically, members of the news media and Opposition Members of Parliament?

2. For what reason were such instructions issued?

[Mr. Douglas (Bruce-Grey).]

3. Was this a direct attempt to withhold information to which both Parliament and the public are entitled and, if so, for what reason?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): It is general practice throughout the public service that employees are not to discuss with outsiders matters coming within their knowledge in the course of their duties unless authorized to do so by their superior officers.

MR. PITFIELD'S TRIP TO MEDITERRANEAN IN 1969

Question No. 2,318—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,797 which states in effect that the itinerary and mode of travel etc. by Mr. Michael Pitfield on a trip to the Mediterranean for a period of twenty-four days from August 16 to September 9, 1969 was chosen by the Prime Minister since he was assisting the Prime Minister, what was (a) the exact and detailed itinerary for each day involved including the location in which each day and night was spent (b) the names and owners of any ship travelled upon (c) the names of all persons present on any ship other than bona fide members of the crew?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Since the Prime Minister was then on holidays, the information sought is of a private nature. (See Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms, fourth edition, citation 171(dd).)

MR. PITFIELD'S TRIP TO EUROPE IN 1968

Question No. 2,331—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,796 which stated in part that the purpose of Mr. Michael Pitfield's thirty-six day trip to Europe in 1968 was "to exchange views for use and advice to be tendered to a Minister or Ministers of the Crown", what is the identity of all Ministers to whom Mr. Pitfield tendered advice directly as a result of this trip?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mainly to the Prime Minister and indirectly to all ministers since at the time Mr. Pitfield was Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet.

REGIONAL BREAKDOWN IN FUNDS FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR

Question No. 2,420—**Mr. Forrestall:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,256, does the Department of National Health and Welfare have any guidelines for regional distribution of funds, as is the case with the Secretary of State, respecting the allocation of funds for the International Women's Year activities and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so (i) what are the regional breakdowns (ii) what is the amount estimated to be spent in the Halifax and Dartmouth metropolitan community?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): (a) No specific regional allocations have been set aside under the Department of National Health and Welfare's grants to voluntary organisations—International Women's Year Program. The program aims to have the maximum impact possible with the limited funds available. If strict regional allocations were to be enforced, some excellent national and regional projects could not be supported. Nonetheless, every possible effort is being made to ensure a fair distribution of grants across the country. In appraising applications which relate to the general objectives of the Department of National Health