

### Order Paper Questions

screening such requests (c) approximately how many specifications are awaiting approval?

2. Is there a priority list of items that imperatively require specifications?

3. What is the cost of maintaining the specifications system?

4. Are the savings in purchasing cost offset by increases in the cost of maintaining the specifications system?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. (a) Yes; (b) Requests for specifications are investigated by the CGSB Secretariat in accordance with well defined procedures. (c) As of April 21, 1975, 20 CGSB standards are awaiting Board approval.

2. The work program which is developed annually represents the list of priority items.

3. The budgeted CGSB costs for fiscal year 1975-76 are approximately one million dollars.

4. Specifications are intended to achieve savings in terms of the total supply cost that includes purchase cost, resource cost, operating and contingency costs. Only those specification projects that appear to offer a favorable benefit-cost relationship are undertaken. This process is considered to provide adequate assurance that the total cost savings are significantly greater than the cost of maintaining the specifications system.

### FOREIGN TEXTBOOKS IN FRENCH LANGUAGE

Question No. 2,257—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,342, was consideration given to the percentage of foreign textbooks in the French language that are used at the elementary and secondary school levels?

2. Is the Department of the Secretary of State considering means of encouraging an increase of domestically produced textbooks?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** 1. No.

2. The Department of the Secretary of State is of the opinion that textbooks for use in Canadian schools should to a large extent be written by Canadians, and that the field of educational publishing should be occupied to a considerable extent by Canadian-owned publishing houses. To this end, the Department would like to see the provincial governments, which are responsible for matters pertaining to school curricula, treat Canadian publishing houses in a way which would allow them to develop their potential in this field.

### PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY TO VISIT WAR CEMETERIES OF WAR DEAD

Question No. 2,285—**Mr. Marshall:**

What are the names and addresses of the 24 young men and women who have been selected from each province to participate in the pilgrimage to Italy to visit the cemeteries of war dead?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Wayne Payton, St. John's, Newfoundland; Jacqueline Ryan, St. John's, Newfoundland; Martin Morrison, Flat River, Prince Edward Island; Christine Shepherd, Cardigan, Prince Edward Island; Colleen Middleton, L'Ardoise, Nova Scotia; Anthony Olender, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Catherine Gillespie, Moncton, New Brunswick; John Kerrigan, Fredericton, New Brunswick; Gerald L'Archer, Québec, Quebec; Anthony Pollard, Mont-

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real, Quebec; Rosslyn Whiteside, Montreal, Quebec; John Bennet, Port Colborne, Ontario; Denis Chartrand, Ottawa, Ontario; Candace Collins, Rexdale, Ontario; Helen Beattie, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Curtis Phillips, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Lois Barton, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Trevor Lowe, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan; Marion Henry, Sundre, Alberta; Leonard Lay, Morrin, Alberta; Bryan Brimacombe, Oliver, British Columbia; Evelyn Whitfield, Burnaby, British Columbia; Hugh Charlie, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory; Mona Paquet, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory; Carol Villeneuve, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories; Heather Wishart, Inuvik, Northwest Territories.

### \*DELAY OF TENDERS IN MAIL

Question No. 2,353—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. Did the Department of Supply and Services issue an order assuring that tender bids delayed in the mail will be included in the competition and, if so, on what date?

2. How many tenders have been delayed in the mail during the past five fiscal years?

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** The answer is as follows: 1. The Department of Supply and Services issued an information bulletin concerning delayed bids as an attachment to Invitations to Tender in June 1974. This bulletin stated that delayed bids mailed in Canada, at least 48 hours prior to the designated closing time and date or mailed outside Canada at least 96 hours prior to the designated closing time and date, would be considered if they were received by the Department prior to contract award.

2. No statistics concerning delayed tenders have been kept for this period.

### CONTRACT FOR FIBREGLASS RESEARCH SHIP

Question No. 2,380—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. Did the government recently award a contract for \$280,000 for the construction of a fiberglass research ship?

2. Was the contract put to tender and, if not, for what reason?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. A contract was awarded in the amount of \$278,849.92 for construction of a 40 foot, fibreglass, fishery research vessel, on behalf of the Department of the Environment.

2. Tenders were called in the west-coast region of Canada, where the vessel is to operate.

### STEEL GILL NET FISHING BOATS

Question No. 2,381—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. What bid price was accepted by the government for the construction of a number of steel gill-netting boats, 27'2" long, Department of Supply and Services file LC-A-2762-5-0003?

2. Was the lowest bid accepted and, if not, for what reason?

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** 1. The second low bid in the total amount of \$57,800 for the four boats was accepted.

2. Lowest bid was not accepted, as the company could not meet the technical requirements. The lowest tenderer