

Order Paper Questions

2. No.

3. No, the federal government approved a province of Nova Scotia request to enter into a contract with Marine Industries Ltd. of Sorel-Tracy, Quebec, to build the floating drydock.

4. No, the specifications approved by the owner, province of Nova Scotia, and the intended operator, Halifax Industries Ltd., stated a preference for a sectional pontoon type of floating drydock similar to that provided, with federal assistance, on the west coast. Individual pontoons can be detached and docked inside the remaining structure for maintenance. This is not feasible with one piece construction.

5. No, the tender documents required that non-Canadian content over \$10 million be offset with acceptable purchases in Canada in order to remain eligible for the contract. GHH-MAN complied with this requirement and the evaluation of bids took into account the fact that their offer was accompanied by this offset business in Canada.

6. No. An offer by GHH-MAN to build a diesel engine plant in Nova Scotia was not included in the offset purchase package offered for the floating drydock contract.

7. Not applicable. The contract is between the province of Nova Scotia and Marine Industries Limited. However, the Government of Canada is satisfied that qualified and experienced inspectors are on the site. These include Lloyd's Register of Shipping surveyors who will be certifying the floating drydock upon completion. Marine Industries Limited have launched three to four ships per year of the last eight years and although they have never built a floating drydock, this construction is considered simpler than shipbuilding.

AMOUNTS SPENT FOR SERVICES OF VICKERS AND BENSON

Question No. 3,500—Mr. Beatty:

1. Since March 1980, by month, what amount was spent by the (a) government (b) Canadian Unity Information Office for goods or services provided by the advertising firm of Vickers and Benson?

2. Does Mr. Patrick McDougall carry out responsibilities for the Canadian Unity Information Office and, if so (a) what are they (b) on what date did he join and until what date is he expected to work for the office (c) was he hired through Interchange Canada (d) is he expected to perform work for Vickers and Benson or any of its associated companies when he leaves the office?

3. Have arrangements been made to avoid any possible conflict of interest between Mr. McDougall's work for the government and his responsibilities in the private sector and, if so, what were such arrangements?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Justice and Supply and Services as follows:

1. (a) Since March 1980, by month, the values of payments made to Vickers and Benson by the Department of Supply and Services on behalf of customers departments are as follows:

1980		1981	
March	None	January	\$1,557,169
April	None	February	\$ 276,159
May	None	March	\$ 506,839
June	\$2,111,471	April	\$ 292,145
July	None	May	\$ 349,686
August	\$ 116,975	June	\$ 315,627
September	\$1,447,552	July	\$ 603,645

October	\$ 115,011	August	\$ 290,332
November	\$ 272,517	September	\$ 148,434
December	\$ 76,138	October	\$ 193,581
		November	\$ 106,321

(b) 1980		1981	
April	None	January	\$ 53,495
May	None	February	\$ 27,885
June	None	March	\$194,152
July	None	April	\$167,431
August	None	May	\$181,514
September	\$153,788	June	None
October	\$ 58,580	July	\$ 44,970
November	\$ 61,754	August	\$ 650
December	\$ 56,963	September	None
		October	\$645,208
		November	\$ 30,116
		December	\$ 29,609

Note: Payments in part 1(b) not included in part 1(a).

2. Yes. (a) Mr. McDougall has assumed the position of Director General, Professional and Information Services. He provides highly specialized expertise in communications strategic planning, research, and marketing including different phases of media communications such as television, radio, print and expositions.

(b) The period of employment is June 22, 1981 to June 22, 1983.

(c) Mr. McDougall was hired through Interchange Canada.

(d) A condition of the Interchange Agreement stipulates that "as required by the regulations governing the Interchange Canada program, it is agreed that Mr. McDougall will return to VOBCO Management Inc. upon termination of the assignment and that no offer of continuing employment will be made to Mr. McDougall by the Canadian Unity Information Office."

3. No specific arrangements were made, since neither the position held by Mr. McDougall nor any other position at the CUIO is involved in the allocation of advertising contracts. That task is undertaken by the Advertising Management Group which reports directly to the chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Communications, a fact that is public knowledge.

SOVIET ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS IN CANADA

Question No. 3,574—Mr. Cossitt:

Is the government aware that the first department of the KGB's First Chief Directorate runs Soviet espionage operations in Canada and, if so (a) for how long has this been known to the government (b) how many Soviet agents are estimated to operate under this direction (c) is the government taking any action and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General): (a) to (c). It is not in the public interest to answer this question.

[English]

Madam Speaker: The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.