

*Routine Proceedings*

Two months into the Task Force's mandate, several initiatives have begun to address employees' immediate concerns, such as overcrowding of office space and an orientation program and kit for new and existing employees. The Task Force is also addressing the broader questions of career development by, among other things, examining the possibility of establishing an assignment program. The question of how the operational budget concept and management accountability will be introduced is being addressed by a pilot project in three branches. A complete review of the performance appraisal system is being undertaken, including the introduction of an incentive and awards system.

In terms of the PS2000 focus on service to the public, the Commission had, prior to the tabling of the PS2000 White Paper, undertaken internal reviews on streamlining its operations in both broadcasting (Ross Task Force) and telecommunications (Sherman Task Force). Each of these studies had a specific goal of improving turnaround time of decisions and public notices and reducing the associated costs to the Commission's clients.

In addition, because of the nature of its regulatory system (primarily through the public hearing process), the Commission has always undertaken extensive consultation with its clients as part of its policy formulation and decision-making process.

**Question No. 65—Mr. Karpoff:**

1. Has the government been supplied with a list of tobacco (a) additives (b) constituents as required by sections 17 and 19 of the Tobacco Products Control Regulations?

2. Is the government aware of the presence of such additives and constituents as (a) propanediol (b) glycerol (c) diethylene glycol (d) triethylene glycol (e) D-sorbitol contained in (i) tobacco (ii) wrappers (iii) filters (iv) main or sidestream smoke and, if so, is the government aware that such substances can cause cancer?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 9 hours and 5 minutes

Approximate cost: \$169.

I am informed by the Department of National Health and Welfare as follows:

1. Yes.

2. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)

The information provided under sections 17 and 19 are considered to be trade secrets by the tobacco industry whose members have requested confidentiality. This request to confidentiality legally prohibits the Department of National Health and Welfare from answering whether these chemicals actually are being used by the Canadian tobacco industry.

The chemicals referred to by the hon. member can be used as humectants by the tobacco industry to promote retention of moisture. Of the five chemicals, for only one, diethylene glycol, is there limited evidence of carcinogenicity in animals. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has yet to establish whether this compound is a potential carcinogen. The other four chemicals have not been shown to be carcinogenic in studies conducted to date.

**Question No. 66—Mr. Karpoff:**

Has the Department of National Health and Welfare audited all accounts connected with the National AIDS Research Program in respect to the establishment of a National AIDS Registry and, if so, (a) what were the findings (b) were usual standards of accounting and project management adhered to (c) has the advice of the Auditor General or other outside source of professional advice been sought to ensure that such standards will apply to federally-sponsored research projects?

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Time required to prepare this answer: 8 hours and 5 minutes

Approximate cost: \$145.

I am informed by the Department of National Health and Welfare as follows:

The Department of National Health and Welfare requested the Audit Services Bureau of the Department of Supply and Services to carry out an audit of the University of Toronto's accounts with respect to a Contribution Agreement between the University and the Department for the design phase of a Treatment Information System for AIDS/HIV (TISAH). This audit was for the period June 15, 1990 to December 31, 1991.

(a) The audit found that expenditures of \$386,870 were appropriately incurred against this project, subject to the