

*Routine Proceedings*ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE INVESTIGATION
INTO THE LEAK OF BUDGET DOCUMENTSQuestion No. 187—**Mr. Comuzzi:**

Since April 26, 1989, has the Royal Canadian Mounted Police conducted an investigation into the leak of Budget documents and, if so, what has been the total cost in (a) person-hours (b) dollars?

Hon. Pierre Blais (Solicitor General of Canada and Minister of State (Agriculture)): Yes. The primary investigation was conducted in Ottawa, however, inquiries were also undertaken in the various provinces where stock exchanges are located. In addition to the involvement of operational units, support was also provided by specialized units such as surveillance and identification services.

(a) The reporting system of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) does not allow a definitive account of the total number of hours expended on this investigation.

(b) As a rule, other than for planned operations, the RCMP does not cost its investigations. The actual cost could only be ascertained by looking at each individual's involvement, determining his/her salary classification and the hours expended. In view of the number of individuals involved at different locations, costing would be difficult to accomplish and would not provide an accurate amount.

CONTRACT FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF BROCHURES ON
THE GOODS AND SERVICES TAX.Question No. 188—**Mr. Milliken:**

Did the government enter into a contract for the distribution of brochures on the Goods and Services Tax and, if so (a) with whom (b) what was the (i) date (ii) money value (iii) term of the contract (c) what was the responsibility of the contractor to pick up remaining brochures (d) was the contractor paid an additional sum to collect the brochures after October 10, 1989?

Hon. Michael Holcombe Wilson (Minister of Finance): (a) The Department of Finance entered into a contract with Infocentre Network on August 15, 1989 to distribute brochures on the proposed Goods and Services Tax.

(b) (i) The duration of the contract was from August 15, 1989 to October 9, 1989. At that time, the distributor offered to extend the contract for a two week period—a regular practice in the distribution industry.

(ii) The amount of the contract was \$146,749.00.

(iii) see (i)

(c) The contractor was instructed to remove all existing brochures from its information centres beginning October 12, 1989.

(d) The contractor was not paid an additional sum to collect the brochures after October 10, 1989.

CANDU OR SLOWPOKE REACTORS

Question No. 189—**Mr. Blaikie:**

Does Atomic Energy of Canada Limited have a marketing plan which would include the sale of CANDU or Slowpoke reactors to Guatemala, Brazil or Colombia and, if so, have any formal or informal negotiations taken place between government officials and officials from these countries on the sale of such equipment?

Hon. Arthur Jacob Epp (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Atomic Energy of Canada Limited reports as follows:

AECL has no plan to sell a CANDU or a SLOWPOKE to Guatemala, Brazil or Colombia. However, in the past, AECL has had discussions with Colombian nuclear authorities regarding the possible sale of a MAPLE X research reactor.

VERIFICATION AUDITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREE
TRADE AGREEMENTQuestion No. 202—**Mr. Manley:**

Since January 1, 1989, have verification audits been carried out regarding certificates of origin, in accordance with the Free Trade Agreement, by (a) Canadian officials in the United States (b) United States officials in Canada and, if so, in each case, what number?

Hon. Otto John Jelinek (Minister of National Revenue): Since implementation of the Canada-United States Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on January 1, 1989, verification visits to the other country respecting certificates of origin in accordance with the FTA have been carried out by Customs officials of both countries. During the 1989 calendar year, five such visits to business firms located in the United States were carried out by Canadian Customs officials, while two verification audits of firms located in Canada were carried out by U.S. Customs officials. As of January 5, 1990, each country's Customs administration has notified the other of an impending verification audit.

ARENA GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR

Question No. 203—**Ms. Hunter:**

Between December 13 and 16, 1989, did the Department of External Affairs hold discussions in Ottawa with representatives of the ARENA Government of El Salvador and, if so (a) at what level