

Questions

4. (a) How many personnel will each regional desk employ (b) what classifications and salary levels will be assigned to the personnel (c) what are the names, addresses and classifications of personnel now appointed?

5. What terms of reference have been assigned to the regional desks (i.e. what are their duties, responsibilities and to whom do they report)?

6. By what means are regional desk personnel selected (a) by the Public Service Commission (b) by the Prime Minister's Special Assistant (Regional Advisor) in charge of regional desks (c) other and please specify?

7. What access will individual Members of Parliament have to the facilities of the regional desks?

8. Will the problems of citizens which come to the attention of the regional desks be referred to (a) the Prime Minister (b) the department concerned (c) the Member of Parliament for the area (d) other and please specify?

9. Will the regional desks be located (a) in existing federal buildings (b) in rented accommodation (c) if (b), what is the estimated total annual cost for accommodation?

10 (a) How many volunteer advisers has the Prime Minister appointed and what are their names (b) what, if any, is their relationship to the regional desks (c) do the advisers report directly to the Prime Minister, or to a Committee or Committees of the Cabinet, or to a member or members of the Privy Council staff (d) how and from what source are the expenses of the advisers being or to be paid?

Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister): 1. (a) Three. (b) No final decision has been reached, but the total number of regional desks established will probably not exceed four.

2. The regional desks are located in Ottawa.

3. Of the three regional desks now established, one is responsible for the geographic area represented by the four Atlantic provinces, another is responsible for the geographic area represented by the four western provinces, the other is responsible for the geographic area represented by Quebec.

4. (a) One regional desk officer with supporting clerical staff; (b) The classification and salary level assigned to each regional desk officer is a matter of negotiation upon appointment. The salary levels of the three regional desk officers already appointed are \$15,000, \$12,000 and \$9,500 respectively; (c) Jean Haché, 1435 Morriset Street, Ottawa, Atlantic Desk Officer; David Thomson, 576 MacLaren Street, Ottawa, Western Desk Officer; Jean Prieur, 56 Les Erables, Laval-sur-le-Lac, Quebec, Quebec Desk Officer. Mr. Haché is classified as a Special Assistant; Mr. Thomson is classified as a Regional Officer; Mr. Prieur is classified as a Regional Officer.

5. The duties of the Regional Desk Officers are to improve the liaison between the Prime

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Minister and those voluntary organizations which concern themselves with issues and problems common to many Canadians; to act as an additional source of information and advice to the Prime Minister on matters upon which he has requested such information and advice; to be of assistance to Members of Parliament in their dealings with the Prime Minister and his office. These Desk Officers report to the Regional Adviser to the Prime Minister.

6. Recommendations for appointment of regional desk personnel are made to the Prime Minister by his Principal Secretary after consultation with the Regional Adviser.

7. See the answer to Part 5 above.

8. Problems of citizens which come to the attention of the regional desks will be referred to the Prime Minister, a Member of Parliament for the area, a Governmental Department, or other appropriate Government agency as seems most appropriate, having regard to the nature of the problem.

9. (a) Yes; (b) and (c) Not applicable.

10. (a) None. Many interested citizens do, however, write to the Prime Minister from time to time to suggest new policies or to comment on particular Government initiatives. The comments and suggestions of these persons are analyzed by the regional desk officers; (b), (c) and (d) Not applicable.

SEXUAL OFFENDERS IN PENITENTIARIES

Question No. 1,055—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What is the total number of persons in Canadian Penitentiaries that have been convicted and sentenced under the Dangerous Sexual Offenders Sections of the Criminal Code, and (a) how many of those so sentenced have received paroles (b) how many have violated their paroles (c) how many have been re-convicted while on parole and was the offence the same?

2. What is the average stay before parole is considered?

3. What programs are made available to these persons while they are incarcerated?

4. Has the medical profession been consulted as to treatment being given, and (a) how many have received such treatment (b) how many failed to make progress (c) have any persons been denied such treatment if such treatment was recommended?

5. Has the government taken any steps in this direction?

6. Have the inmates a choice in case they wish to seek out such treatment and, if so, what provisions have been made?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General): 1. 73 persons have been convicted and sentenced under the Dangerous Sexual Offenders section of the Criminal Code which was passed