

*Order Paper Questions*

the annual amount paid by the kilometric/mileage rate. Deputy ministers have the total taxable benefit accruing from personal use of the departmental vehicle added to their gross earnings for the year.

3. The payment of operational and maintenance expenses for these vehicles is the responsibility of the owner department, as the kilometric/mileage rate is established on the basis of reimbursement of both operating costs (gasoline, oil, lubrication, tires, maintenance and repairs) and ownership costs (depreciation, provincial tax, finance charges, insurance and licences).

## IMMIGRATION LEVELS

Question No. 3,316—**Mr. Herbert:**

Were discussions held with provincial government representatives to determine what the immigration levels will be in the next three years and, if so, for each province, what minimum and maximum level was established?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** The provinces have agreed in principle that immigration levels should be set for the next three years. The major purpose of federal-provincial consultation in this area is to allow for an over-all exchange of views on all immigration policy, from which future levels may be determined.

Some provinces have indicated specific intake levels for 1982. Quebec expects to receive 16,000 to 18,000, Saskatchewan 2,850, and Prince Edward Island would like to receive 250 to 280 new arrivals. Most provinces, however, have referred to their needs in terms of a percentage of the total national level to be decided federally, stating preferences for maintaining or slightly increasing present intakes.

## USE OF DND AIRCRAFT BY CABINET MINISTERS

Question No. 3,368—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With reference to the answer to question No. 1,996 with regard to the use of Department of National Defence aircraft by cabinet ministers which stated in part: "The list of executive aircraft used by cabinet ministers... will be available on a monthly basis effective October, 1981 (on request).", was such information requested by the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville from the office of the Minister of National Defence and, as of the date of this question, has the information been furnished and, if not, for what reason?

2. Has a specific system been set up to make this information available each month to avoid any necessity of prolonged and repeated inquiries and, if not (a) for what reason (b) on what date will it be set up?

**Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Minister of National Defence):**  
1. Yes; as of the date of the question the information for the months of October and November was being compiled, however, this information has since been forwarded.

2. Yes. The monthly list of executive aircraft used by cabinet ministers will be available on written request to the office of the Minister of National Defence within 15 calendar days of the following month.

(a) and (b) Not applicable.

## ANSWER TO QUESTION No. 3,470

Question No. 3,532—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to question No. 3,470 which referred in part to the human reaction of many officials in their attitude to answering Order Paper questions, is it government policy to (a) make such blanket statements (b) refuse to make public the names of the public servants involved (c) permit public servants, who complain about Members of Parliament who put questions on the Order Paper, to hide behind a cloak of anonymity?

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** (a) See reply to question No. 3,470 answered December 10, 1981.

(b) See reply to question No. 3,469 answered December 10, 1981.

(c) This is a hypothetical question.

## ANSWER TO QUESTION No. 3,649

Question No. 3,533—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to question No. 3,469 which stated in part that "The hon. Member needs only to read successive Order Papers in order to form his own conclusions as to the answer to this question" and as to those members accused by the government of having "overloaded the system" concerning Order Paper questions, does the government realize that the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville did not request to be told his own personal conclusions but was requesting information from the government and, in view of this clarification, is the government now prepared to issue a corrected answer?

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** In view of the fact that this question is entirely argumentative in nature and does not belong on the Order Paper the government pondered not answering. However, since the question implies that an incorrect answer has been given, it is clearly necessary to set matters straight. The answer to this question is: no corrected answer is necessary since the answer given was correct.

## ANSWER TO QUESTION No. 3,479

Question No. 3,535—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to question No. 3,479 which stated in part that the government bases whether or not it is amused on certain basic psychology texts, what is a complete list of all such texts used by the government?

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** The answer suggested that the hon. member could, if he wished, consult such books. The government does not believe that it has any need to consult such books. If the hon. member wishes to do so and has difficulty with the index system in the Library of Parliament, he can enlist the assistance of any one of the professionally trained staff in the Library.

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[English]

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, if questions Nos. 1,997