

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 25, 1966

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

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TABLING OF MINUTES OF MEETING OF INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Mr. Speaker: Order. May I ask leave to lay before the house an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the commissioners of internal economy held on April 28, 1966, relating to salary revisions, reclassifications and other changes affecting a number of positions on the establishment of the House of Commons.

JUSTICE AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. A. J. P. Cameron (High Park) moved that the second report of the standing committee on justice and legal affairs, presented to the house on Thursday, May 19, be concurred in.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: On division.

[English]

Motion agreed to on division.

QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF FRENCH AIRCRAFT

Question No. 395—**Mr. Brewin:**

1. Has the Royal Canadian Air Force agreed to purchase or is it negotiating for or contemplating the purchase of aircraft produced by Dussault, known as Mystere or Fanjet Falcon?

2. What is the price or contemplated price of each aircraft?

3. How many have been purchased or is it contemplated will be purchased?

4. What are the contemplated uses or types of use of such aircraft?

5. Do they include the transportation of cabinet ministers or other distinguished individuals?

6. Has the government contemplated the purchase of other aircraft for this purpose, including (a) the D.H. 125 or the H.S. 125 or (b) the Learjet aircraft?

7. What are the respective advantages or disadvantages in terms of speed, accommodation, economy of operation or otherwise of the three types of aircraft namely (a) Mystere (b) D.H. 125 (c) Learjet?

8. Has the government given consideration to the possibility that the needs to be met by the Fanjet Falcons might be adequately in whole or in part met by purchasing either the D.H. 125 or the Learjet at a lesser expenditure, with lower operating costs and substantial savings to the taxpayer?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): 1. Yes.

2. Approximately \$1,353,000 each.

3. Seven.

4. and 5. The Canadian forces have a service requirement for an aircraft capable of providing faster and more economical transportation, to replace Cosmopolitan and Dakota aircraft being withdrawn from service. It is not being acquired for use by cabinet ministers or other distinguished individuals.

6. Yes.

7. and 8. The general performance of the aircraft evaluated is similar. However, the lower operating and maintenance costs of the Falcon with savings in manpower especially aircrew, is advantageous and the capabilities of the Falcon more closely meet the Canadian forces' requirements.

COMMISSION TO RECOMMEND JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS

Question No. 556—**Mr. Faulkner:**

1. Has the government considered the question of appointing a commission, composed of members of the legal profession and others, to make recommendations to the Minister of Justice respecting appointments of judges to the superior district and county courts of Canada?

2. If so, what decision has been reached in this regard?

Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice): 1. Yes.

2. The government has decided not to make any changes for the present in the methods or procedures for the appointment of judges.