

Order Paper Questions

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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

VACANCY

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, of the Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé, P.C., member for the electoral district of Restigouche, by resignation.

Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issuance of a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 717, 758, 977, 978, 1,347, 1,773, 1,787, 1,793, 1,794, 1,796, 1,943, 1,961, 1,968, 1,977, 1,980, 1,986, 1,991, 2,071 and 2,126.

If questions Nos. 56 and 614 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately.

I ask that questions Nos. 266, 320 and 518 be made orders for return and also ask the consent of the House to table immediately the information which has already been submitted. The balance of the information will follow as soon as it is submitted to me.

Mr. Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question No. 1,834?

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

Question No. 717—Mr. Stevens:

1. In each fiscal year ending March 31, 1972, 1973 and 1974, and for the six month period ending September 30, 1974, what was the aggregate expenditure by the Department of External Affairs for travel abroad by (a) the Minister of External Affairs and his immediate staff (b) departmental staff (c) the staff of boards, commissions, tribunals, Crown corporations or other similar agencies reporting to the Minister (d) others whose expenses were paid in part or in whole directly or indirectly by the government?

2. In the case of an expenditure in excess of \$200 (a) what was the purpose of the foreign trip (b) what was the furthest destination (c) what is the name of the person(s) who took the trip (d) how long was the person(s) outside the country (e) what was the nature of the expenditure (f) how many others were in the party making the trip?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In so far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned the reply is as follows: 1.

[Mr. Andras.]

1.	1971-72 \$	1972-73 \$	1973-74 \$	1974 to September \$
(a)	77,834	88,750	79,041	42,275 (3,860)
(b)	1,367,517	1,696,444	2,237,552	1,103,601 (173,930)
(c)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
(d)	207,303	289,787	517,392	313,874 (14,850)

The 1974-1975 figures include the amounts shown in brackets for accountable travel advances. (a) These figures include travel expenses for the Under-Secretary, Assistant Under-Secretaries and any person who was designated to represent the Minister. (b) These figures include travel expenses for the participation of Members of both Houses of Parliament and all public servants in major international conferences for which participation is financed by this Department. Actual figures can only be obtained by performing a thorough analysis of all travel expense claims and other related accounts submitted to the Department for payment.

2. The analysis required to obtain the precise information requested and actual figures for parts 1 (i.e., note comments "a" and "b") and 2 would be prohibitive in terms of time, manpower and financial resources.

In so far as the International Joint Commission is concerned, the reply is as follows: 1. (a) To be answered elsewhere; (b) To be answered elsewhere; (c) In so far as the International Joint Commission is concerned, because of the nature of its work, no differentiation can be made between travel in Canada and travel in the United States. Cost of travel outside North America was as follows: 1971 and 1972, Nil; 1972 and 1973, \$1,898.72; 1973 and 1974, Nil; (d) In so far as the International Joint Commission is concerned: 1971 and 1972, Nil; 1972 and 1973, Nil; 1973 and 1974, Nil.

2. In so far as the International Joint Commission is concerned: (a) Attendance at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment; (b) Stockholm, Sweden; (c) Mr. J. L. MacCallum, Mr. Bernard Beaupré; (d) June 3 to June 18, 1972; (e) Transportation and Expenses; (f) Two.

In so far as the Canadian International Development Agency is concerned the answer is: 1. (a) Not applicable; (b) Not applicable.

(c)	Fiscal year 1971/72	Fiscal year 1972/73	Fiscal year 1973/74	Fiscal Year 1974/75 to September 30/74
	\$362,402	\$666,206	\$754,081	\$230,316
(d)	\$ 8,674	\$ 9,458	\$ 8,122	\$ 2,146

(excludes amounts paid for teachers, trainees, and experts paid from Aid funds)

2. The analysis required to obtain the information requested and actual figures would be prohibitive in terms of time, manpower and financial resources.