

Order Paper Questions

VERAPAMIL

Question No. 2,514—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Department of National Health and Welfare aware that a drug, generic name verapamil and trade name Calan or Isoptin, is about to be placed on the market in the United States?

2. Does the government have information with regard to the value of the drug for angina, arrhythmias, abnormal heartbeats or other heart disorders and, if so, what is the information?

3. Was the drug tested in Canada and, if so, what are its merits?

4. Will the drug be approved for sale in Canada and, if so, on what date?

Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes. Verapamil in the injectable form is about to be approved in the United States. No. Oral form is under review by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) but has not been presented to their cardiovascular and renal advisory committee for their consideration. According to the information available to the Department of National Health and Welfare, there is no definite projected date for approval in the United States.

2. Yes. A new drug submission for Verapamil injection under trade name of Isoptin has received a notice of compliance. A new drug submission for tablets is being reviewed at present. Results of the review should be available in the near future.

3. The drug was/is being tested in Canada. Preliminary information indicates that the drug is likely to be effective in angina pectoris, and cardiac arrhythmias.

4. Verapamil injection was approved by the health protection branch on May 22, 1979, for the treatment of arrhythmias, and is now available as a prescription medication. Tablets can be expected to be approved barring any new adverse information. The projected marketing date for tablets is 1982.

DURHAM-NORTHUMBERLAND—LAWYERS UNDER CONTRACT

Question No. 2,608—**Mr. Lawrence:**

What are the names of all lawyers and/or legal firms within the constituency of Durham-Northumberland who have received or are receiving payments from the government for legal work since the government took office following the 1980 general election and, in each case, what was/is the amount?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): The Department of Justice:

Names	Amounts
Brooks, Harrison & Company	\$13,935.45
Clark, James	\$ 1,696.63
Fitzgibbon, C.D.	\$23,704.27
Hamilton, Irwin A.	\$ 229.25
Irvine & Irvine	\$ 154.00

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT—T & H PRINTERS LTD.
CONTRACTQuestion No. 2,614—**Mr. Stewart:**

Did the Department of the Environment issue contracts to T & H Printers Ltd., for \$65,000 and for \$42,000 for perfect bound booklets and, if so (a) what are the titles (b) what is the (i) number printed (ii) cost per booklet (c) to whom will they be distributed?

Mr. D. M. Collette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of the Environment and Supply and Services as follows: DSS awarded two contracts, for perfect bound booklets, to T & H Printers Ltd., on behalf of the Department of the Environment: one for \$65,000 and the second one for \$42,000.

Contract for \$65,000

(a) (i) History and Archaeology.

(b) (i) The contract calls for a series of ten publications with an option for up to 20 additional issues. The number printed is to be determined at time of order.

(ii) The contract specifies that for a basic 75 French copies of 100 pages, the cost will be \$912.00 and for a basic 100 English copies of 400 pages, the cost will be \$3,178.00. There will be extra charges for additional pages, halftones, etc. and these are included in the total value of the contract.

(c) Department of the Environment distributes copies History and Archaeology primarily to Parks Canada offices nationwide as working documents; in addition, copies are sent to the National Library, the Library of Parliament and to the National and Provincial Archives. DSS distributes free of charge to the principal libraries in the country using a computerized mailing list, and will supply to others upon request; copies are sold to non-governmental researchers and to the general public through authorized retail outlets and directly in response to mail orders.

Contract for \$42,000

(a) (i) Surface Water Data Publications.

(b) (i) The contract calls for ten books during the fiscal year 1981-82. The number printed is to be determined at time of order.

(ii) The contract specifies that the cost for 650 copies will be \$74.90 per 100 pages saddle stitched and \$223.00 per 100 pages perfect bound. There will be extra charges for additional pages, halftones, screened areas, etc. and these are included in the total value of the contract.

(c) The water resources branch distributes data publications to approximately 1100 agencies whose names and addresses are maintained on a mailing list. These agencies include federal government departments, provincial governments, American and foreign governments, municipal governments, universities, consultants, public and private utilities, libraries and private individuals.