

of state for mines, whom the Solicitor General has acknowledged was speaking on his behalf on May 8:

I trust that you will bring this correction to the attention of those who may have understood that the position of my fellow commissioners and myself was as indicated—i.e. that we “would prefer any such action to await his report”. In fact, we express no preference one way or another.

Unquestionably, Madam Speaker, Mr. Justice McDonald asked the government, through the parliamentary secretary, to correct the erroneous information which had been conveyed to Parliament through the parliamentary secretary. I call upon the Solicitor General, now that he has read this letter and has admitted to having read it, to correct the statement which he has just made in this House.

I also call upon the Solicitor General to explain to this House why it was that when the head of the McDonald Commission, Mr. Justice McDonald, requested on May 14, 1980, that this erroneous information be corrected by Parliament and through Parliament to the people of Canada, no action was taken, and why Parliament was not informed that incorrect information had been transmitted to it?

● (1700)

It was only yesterday that I finally received a copy of this letter, after pressing for some considerable length of time the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State for Mines for it. I suggest that the Solicitor General has misled this House and I call upon him now to correct his statement, which was wrong.

Madam Speaker: This seems to be re-opening what was discussed yesterday. Some facts had been put on the record on both sides of the question and I think we should close the discussion there. I will have to ask the indulgence of the House as to whether the House wants me to proceed with the proceedings preliminary to the orders of the day and not see the clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 172, 596, 936 and 1,229.

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Order Paper Questions

[Text]

CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Question No. 172—Mr. Friesen:

1. How many persons are employed as clerks, secretaries, counsellors, security personnel and others at the (a) B.C. Penitentiary Regional Reception Centre (b) Matsqui Institution (c) Mission Medium Security Institution (d) Kent Maximum Institution (e) Correctional Staff College (f) Elbow Lake Institution (g) Ferndale Forestry Camp (h) Mountain Institution (i) Regional Consultation Centre (j) Regional Psychiatric Centre (k) William Head Institution?

2. How many persons are incarcerated in each institution listed in part 1?

3. What is the total annual payroll and operating cost for each institution listed in part 1?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):

1. As of March 31, 1980.

(a) B.C. Penitentiary*		(b) Matsqui Institution	
Clerks:	4	Clerks:	15
Secretaries:	1	Secretaries:	2
Counsellors:	1	Counsellors:	11
Security personnel:	39	Security personnel:	158
Others:	31	Others:	78

* The correct name for the B.C. Penitentiary Regional Reception Centre is B.C. Penitentiary.

(c) Mission Institution		(d) Kent Institution	
Clerks:	14	Clerks:	12
Secretaries:	1	Secretaries:	2
Counsellors:	7	Counsellors:	4
Security personnel:	111	Security personnel:	139
Others:	60	Others:	53

(e) Correctional Staff College		(f) Elbow Lake Institution	
Clerks:	1	Clerks:	1
Secretaries:	1	Secretaries:	Nil
Counsellors:	Nil	Counsellors:	1
Security personnel:	Nil	Security personnel:	1
Others:	9	Others:	8

(g) Ferndale Institution		(h) Mountain Institution	
Clerks:	3	Clerks:	8
Secretaries:	Nil	Secretaries:	1
Counsellors:	2	Counsellors:	5
Security personnel:	11	Security personnel:	65
Others:	7	Others:	39

(i) Regional Consultation Centre		(j) Regional Psychiatric Centre	
Regional Consultant:	1	Clerks:	12
Clerk:	1	Secretaries:	4
		Counsellors:	3
		Security Personnel:	73
		Others:	108

(k) William Head Institution	
Clerks:	7
Secretaries:	1
Counsellors:	3
Security personnel:	71
Others:	39