

news media communications; and (d) the design, production and administration of exhibits for all departments and agencies; counsels the Treasury Board Secretariat on the information and public relations-programs and budgets of various departments; advises Treasury Board on the development of systems and methods of evaluating the effectiveness of government information programs and participates, as required, in the development of an evaluation methodology; directs the planning and development of information research policies and programs; acts as Director General in the latter's absence.

#### REFUSAL OF VISA TO KONSTANTIN GUEIVANDOV

##### Question No. 408—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Has the government refused a re-entry visa to Soviet journalist Mr. Konstantin Gueivandov and, if so, was the reason given that his activities when previously in Canada were not related to his work as a journalist?

2. What is a full and complete description of all such activities, including dates and places, that caused the government to take this step?

3. Were any Canadian citizens or residents of Canada involved in activities objected to by the government on the part of Mr. Gueivandov and, if so, who were these persons?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** 1. Yes, Mr. Konstantin Gueivandov was refused a visa to re-enter Canada because some of his actions were not related to his work as a journalist.

2 and 3. It is not considered to be in the public interest to divulge the information requested.

#### SOVIET JOURNALISTS IN CANADA

##### Question No. 409—Mr. Cossitt:

What are the names of all Soviet journalists presently in Canada with valid visas and what are the names and addresses of the news media that they represent in this country?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** The news media representatives of the Soviet Union presently in Canada reside in Ottawa. They are I. I. Mironov of Tass, A. Palladine of Novesti Press and V. K. Kurnikov of The State Television and Radio network.

#### PURCHASE OF TULIP BULBS FOR OTTAWA

##### Question No. 410—Mr. Haliburton:

1. How many tulip bulbs are purchased each year for Ottawa?

2. How many years are the bulbs re-used?

3. When the bulbs are disposed of, are they sold by public tender or destroyed and, if destroyed (a) what is the manner of so doing (b) what is the cost?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** I am informed by the National Capital Commission as follows: 1. Approximately 200,000 to 250,000 tulip bulbs are purchased each year by the NCC. The number varies depending upon which priority floral display areas are replanted.

2. There are four major priority floral display areas, they are Dow's Lake, Parliament Hill, 24 Sussex and Rideau

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Hall. These beds are normally replanted every second year. If the first year display is poor they will be replaced the next fall, conversely if the second year display is particularly good they will be kept a third year. The other floral displays are replanted when necessary every three or four years.

3. The tulip bulbs are heeled in after they are removed in the spring, sorted during the summer and the flower size bulbs are replanted in the fall in the secondary floral display areas such as the borders along the Driveway system. (a) The remaining bulbs, which are too small to produce a flower are buried. (b) Approximately \$250.

#### RECENT AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT AT FROBISHER BAY

##### Question No. 425—Mr. Forrestall:

1. With respect to the crash of a Canadian business jet aircraft near Frobisher Bay in the last week of February 1974, were both the BRAVO and FOXTROT radio beacons functioning at the time of the crash?

2. Was the pilot of the craft made aware of any shut-downs of radio aids at the Frobisher Airport?

3. Were Department of Transport Aeradio Station personnel at Frobisher made aware of the estimated time of arrival of the business jet in question?

4. Is it customary for standby beacons to be installed at those DOT airports licensed for IFR approaches so that in the event of a malfunction of one beacon then another is immediately available as a substitute?

**Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. Yes.

2. Yes.

3. Yes.

4. Yes.

#### TENDERS FOR POST OFFICE, OROMOCTO, N.B.

##### Question No. 450—Mr. Howie:

1. On what date were tenders for the government building to house a post office at Oromocto, New Brunswick first scheduled to be called and to what date and for what reason was this tentative call postponed?

2. On what date is such tender now anticipated?

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works):** 1. Tender call for the government of Canada building in Oromocto, New Brunswick, to house a post office was first scheduled for March 28, 1974. This was postponed due to the fact that Canada Post Office are reviewing their requirements.

2. Tender call is now anticipated in the first week of June, 1974, provided the Canada Post Office review does not change existing requirements.

#### HISTORIC SITES AND MONUMENTS—IDENTIFICATION OF "BELMONT" HOUSE IN LINCOLN, N.B.

##### Question No. 452—Mr. Howie:

1. Will the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada consider identifying the house known as "Belmont" in Lincoln, County of Sunbury, New Brunswick as the home of the Hon. Robert Wilmot, a Father of Confederation, and on what date and by whom will the necessary research be undertaken to confirm such an identification?