

Order Paper Questions

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No salary or honorarium

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\$100 per day—honorarium

In so far as the Ministry of the Solicitor General is concerned: one.

Dorothy Betz

Member, National Parole Board
Salary Range of SX2 position—\$38,300—\$52,100

Other departments and agencies have no information on this subject.

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Question No. 1,521—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. At what Terminal I gate did Flight No. 44 of American Airlines from San Francisco to Toronto land at the Toronto International Airport on Thursday, September 25, 1980, and what is the exact distance in feet from the aircraft exit to the Canada Customs area?

2. Were push-carts provided by the Department of Transport available at the aircraft exit area for incoming passengers carrying heavy hand luggage and, if not (a) for what reason (b) is the department considering making push-carts available as quickly as possible or is it considering the installation of a moving sidewalk?

3. Were airport personnel in attendance between the aircraft exit and Canada Customs areas and, if not, for what reason?

4. Was assistance provided at the aircraft exit area for elderly persons, incapacitated persons, etc., in particular with reference to the carrying of heavy hand luggage and, if not, for what reason?

5. Were porters on duty at the time at the Canada Customs area and, if so, how many?

6. How many other flights were disembarking passengers at approximately the same time?

7. Will steps be taken to provide additional porter assistance for the elderly etc. in the Canada Customs area and, if so, what are they?

8. Is the department aware as to whether or not arriving passengers included persons from the United Kingdom, some of whom state that they were almost collapsing from baggage carrying, lack of service, etc. and, if so, what will the government do about the situation?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): 1. Gate 14, a distance of 860 feet.

2. (a) No. It is considered unsafe to use baggage carts on the escalator to the arrivals baggage claim area.

(b) Baggage carts were introduced on a trial basis in January, 1978, but discontinued because of congestion and slowdown of passenger processing. Alternative was to increase porter service. Because of corridor curvature and distance involved, moving sidewalks are not being considered.

3. No. It is the responsibility of the airline to assist and direct passengers in this area.

4. Common practice is to station one passenger agent at the aircraft door with a second agent at the stairs from the loading bridge. Special arrangements are made for additional help for incapacitated passengers. No special assistance is provided for carrying passengers' heavy hand baggage as heavy hand baggage would normally be checked.

5. Yes. Nine porters were on duty.

6. In the previous hour four other flights and in the hour following an additional four flights.

7. The situation in question will be brought to the attention of the airline committee which is responsible for the provision of porter service.

8. Transport Canada is not aware if flight No. 44 carried passengers from the United Kingdom. However a flight from Gatwick arrived twenty minutes earlier carrying 279 passengers and a flight from Manchester one hour later arrived with 277 passengers. Because of limited capacity in the international arrivals area, passengers sometimes experience periods of extreme congestion and are subjected to a much lower level of service during these peak periods, which results in more crowding, more waiting and fewer porters being immediately available. The department is aware of this situation and expects to commence construction to modify the facility in the very near future. The problem is not so much walking distance as one of congestion.

SAINT-LEONARD, N.B. AIRPORT

Question No. 1,570—**Mr. Howie:**

Did the Department of Transport decide to proceed with the extension of the runway at the Saint-Leonard, New Brunswick Airport and, if so, on what date will the work commence?

Mr. Robert Bockstael (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The runway at Saint-Leonard has been constructed to 4,000 feet which is adequate for the type of aircraft which will utilize the airport. There are no plans to extend the runway beyond this length.

MR. MICHAEL PITFIELD

Question No. 1,683—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Did Mr. Michael Pitfield, Clerk of the Privy Council and secretary to the cabinet, attend a meeting of the Liberal Party campaign committee in July 1978 at the Inn of the Provinces, Ottawa and, if so, on what dates?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Please refer to the minutes of proceedings and evidence of the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates, page 27:20, dated November 4, 1980.