

*Order Paper Questions*

cations is concerned, the answer to the above question is as follows: 1. According to information received, the chairman of the board of the Canadian Film Development Corporation is not subject to the corporation's conflict of interest guidelines. However, the chairman, as a member of the corporation, is subject to the provisions of Section 5 of the Canadian Film Development Corporation Act.

2. As of the date this question was asked, yes.
- (a) As of the date this question was asked, Mr. Michel Vennat was a partner in the Montreal legal firm of Stikeman, Elliot, Tanaki, Mercier and Robb. While chairman of the board of the Canadian Film Development Corporation, he did not take part in decisions relating to clients of the firm who were in the film industry.
- (b) Yes; see 2(a) above.

POST OFFICE, NOVA SCOTIA—BILINGUALISM

Question No. 2,527—**Mr. Cossitt:**

- Does the government intend to take action with regard to the fact that the 1980 Annual Report of the Commissioner of Official Languages states there are 36 bilingual positions in the Post Office Department among Nova Scotia's 1,955 postal employees and, if so, what are the details?
- For what reason would it be necessary to have bilingual employees in Nova Scotia?
- What is the estimated percentage of persons living in Nova Scotia who speak the (a) English (b) French language only?

**Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by Canada Post and Statistics Canada as follows: 1. In Nova Scotia, the 36 bilingual positions already in existence are deemed to be sufficient to meet present identified demand. However, Canada Post will continue to review and monitor the situation with respect to bilingual positions throughout the province.

2. As a federal institution, Canada Post recognizes an obligation to provide service in both French and English to Canadians in areas where a demand is established.

3. The latest information on languages is from the 1976 Census, but that information relates only to mother tongue, as opposed to language currently spoken. According to the 1976 Census the distribution of the population in Nova Scotia by mother tongue was as follows:

Mother tongue English:	92.7 per cent
Mother tongue French:	4.4 per cent
Mother tongue neither English nor French:	2.9 per cent

The most recent information on official languages capabilities was collected in the 1971 Census, which asked whether English or French were spoken well enough to conduct a conversation. For Nova Scotia, the official languages capabilities of the population in 1971 were:

English only:	92.6 per cent
French only:	0.5 per cent
Both English and French:	6.7 per cent
Neither English nor French:	0.2 per cent

Similar information is being collected in the 1981 Census.

MR. PETER STUDER

Question No. 2,565—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is Mr. Peter Studer a chauffeur with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources and, if so, on the evening of Wednesday, May 26, 1981 was he driving Mr. Ed Clark, senior assistant deputy minister of energy?

2. Did Mr. Studer telephone the *Citizen* with comments on the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville and, if so (a) did he do it on his own volition (b) was he ordered to do so by a superior in the government and, if so, what was the name of the superior?

3. Did Mr. Studer advise the *Citizen* that the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville was incorrect in stating that the Prime Minister was "giggling and guffawing" outside the members' entrance of the House of Commons with the Minister of Finance and that it should have been the Minister of Justice and, if so, are Mr. Studer and his government associates aware that the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville is quoted in *Hansard* as saying "it was at this point that I noticed that the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Trudeau) was standing on the sidewalk adjacent to the members' entrance along with the Minister of Justice (Mr. Chrétien)"?

4. Did Mr. Studer further advise the *Citizen* that the green bus for MPs was not moving because "there weren't any passengers to take anywhere" and, if so, are Mr. Studer and his government associates aware that there were two buses at the time the incident occurred and that one of the buses was approaching the Centre Block with passengers when stopped by the RCMP?

5. Is it government policy to use chauffeurs and senior assistant deputy ministers to attempt to destroy the credibility of opposition members of Parliament?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows: 1. Yes, Mr. Studer is an EM&R chauffeur and he was driving Mr. E. Clark on the evening of Tuesday, May 26, 1981.

2 to 5. Mr. Studer on his own initiative was exercising his rights as a Canadian citizen.

BUREAU OF PENSION ADVOCATES

Question No. 2,641—**Mr. Howie:**

1. What number of applications were received and recorded by the Bureau of Pension Advocates but are not yet registered with the Canadian Pension Commission?

2. Does the bureau consider it has sufficient staff to carry out the duties?

**Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Acting Minister of Veterans Affairs):** 1. None. To protect the date of application, all claims