

Order Paper Questions

DND—HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

Question No. 1,634—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Did DND order \$124,821 worth of household furniture and, if so (a) for what purpose (b) what are the items?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Yes.

- (a) To furnish other ranks single quarters on Canadian Forces Base Petawawa, Ontario.
- (b) Beds
 - Bedside tables
 - Writing desks
 - Chairs
 - Chests of drawers
 - End tables
 - Mirrors
 - Davenport
 - Coffee tables.

DND—ELECTRIC OVEN WARMERS

Question No. 1,635—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Did the Department of National Defence order \$33,833 worth of electric oven warmers and, if so, for what purpose?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Yes. To replace those currently in use in Hercules and Cosmopolitan aircraft.

PUBLICATIONS SUPPORTING COSMOPOLITAN AIRCRAFT

Question No. 1,636—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Has the Department of National Defence been using the Cosmopolitan Aircraft for a decade and did the department spend \$250,000 on publications in support of the aircraft and, if so, for what reason?

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence): Yes. The Cosmopolitan has been in use for over 20 years. This contract is part of a continuing process to provide maintenance personnel with up-to-date technical information on modifications to the aircraft and its systems. This information is essential to maintain flight safety standards. In the case of the Cosmopolitan aircraft the contract provides for the technical writing, engineering validation, editing and actual printing of amendments to 39 publications consisting of more than 100 volumes, over the next two years. The aircraft is expected to be in use for another ten years.

SSEA TRIP TO ENGLAND

Question No. 1,646—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the Secretary of State for External Affairs recently visit England to meet with the Queen, Prime Minister Thatcher and Lord Carrington and, if so (a) how many minutes did he spend with the Queen (b) how many minutes did he spend with Prime Minister Thatcher and specifically was the number 4 (c) how many minutes did he spend with Lord Carrington?

2. Did the minister state in a letter dated October 20, 1980, to what he called therein "Special Friends", that he had been involved in "serious discussions" with the Queen, Prime Minister Thatcher and Lord Carrington on the subject of the constitution?

3. What was the total cost to the taxpayer of the visit including the names and the cost for all persons who accompanied the minister?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes, in early October, and spent (a) about three hours with Her Majesty, (b) about 60 minutes with Prime Minister Thatcher and (c) about 30 minutes with Lord Carrington. The SSEA has had several other discussions with Lord Carrington on the same subject.

2. With respect to the question concerning the "Special Friends" letter, please see the response to question No. 1,690 answered December 17, 1980.

3. The minister was accompanied by Miss C. Anderson (senior special assistant), Mr. J. Haviland (special assistant), and Mr. A. Simard (official spokesman, departmental press office). Although all bills have not yet been forwarded, we would estimate the total cost of the visit to the taxpayer to be \$12,600.

CODE OF ETHICS—FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Question No. 1,649—**Mr. Herbert:**

Is the government aware of a code of ethics for federal employees adopted by the United States Congress in 1958 and is consideration being given to the adoption of a similar code in Canada?

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (President of the Treasury Board): The government is aware of a code of ethics for U.S. federal employees.

No consideration is being given to the adoption of a similar code in Canada as current provisions governing the conduct of federal government employees are more comprehensive and explicit than those contained in the 1958 United States code and are found in specific legislation such as the Criminal Code and the Public Service Employment Act as well as in guidelines such as the Public Servants Conflict of Interest Guidelines, supplemented by departmental codes of conduct and ethics specifically oriented toward their operations.

MEDICARE PROGRAM

Question No. 1,663—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. Does a retired senior citizen moving from Quebec to Ontario continue to be covered after the initial three-month period, by the benefits of a medicare program, while living in the adopted province and is there any difference in treatment in the other provinces and territories?

2. Has the government considered any form of financial assistance to Canadian citizens who may not be covered in Canada for medical attention as a result of moving from one province to another?

Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Generally speaking, when a person moves from one province to reside in another, the first province will provide health insurance benefits (i.e. for insured services of the national Hospital Insurance and Medical Care Programs) until the last day of the second month following