

## Order Paper Questions

**\*GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF CANADIAN ARMED FORCES****Question No. 2,613—Mr. Forrestall:**

What steps are being taken by the government to provide a measure of protection and assistance to members of the Canadian Armed Forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany, who face not only inflation in basic living costs, but who have also seen a reduction of the purchasing power of the Canadian dollar, in which they are paid, due to the revaluations of the mark?

**Hon. James A. Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** The steps taken by the government to provide protection and assistance to members of the Canadian Armed Forces stationed in Germany against the combined effects of inflation and currency revaluation are as follows: (a) An index was established to measure the relationship between price levels in Ottawa, and price levels in Lahr, and Baden-Baden, Germany. (b) This index is computed each month. (c) A variation of the index by five points results in an immediate payment of a salary equalization adjustment to personnel stationed in Germany. For those personnel not living in married quarters an additional equalization adjustment is made to their living-out allowances. From May to August 1973 the index increased thirty points and salary equalization adjustments were increased progressively to a current level of \$107.70 per month for a corporal and by \$255 per month for a lieutenant-colonel. From January to August 1973, the living-out allowance adjustment increased from \$50 per month to \$105 for a corporal, and from \$76 per month to \$158 for a lieutenant-colonel.

**GOVERNMENT POLICY OF PLACING HARDENED CRIMINALS IN MINIMUM SECURITY****Question No. 2,651—Mr. Reynolds:**

Does the government intend to continue to maintain its policy of placing hardened criminals, particularly those on the RCMP most wanted list, in minimum security institutions and, if so, for what reason?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** It was never the policy of the Canadian Penitentiary Service to initially place the type of person alluded to above in a minimum security institution. Individuals who at any time have been on the RCMP most wanted list, are, upon admission to a penitentiary, incarcerated in maximum security institutions. Transfers to reduced security are only effected where there is sufficient evidence to support the probability that the individual concerned will function satisfactorily in a reduced security institution, coupled with due consideration of the security risk involved in all such transfers. The Classification Staff, in considering inmates for transfer to medium security from maximum security, weigh carefully all facets of the individual inmate's character. The inmate must be considered to be unlikely to make an active attempt to escape, to pose little threat to the community should he escape, and that he would benefit from the program of a medium security institution. In considering an inmate for transfer to minimum security, he must be judged as presenting little likelihood of attempting to escape, pose no threat to the community in the event he does escape and is capable of benefiting from the program of the minimum security institution for which he is being considered.

[Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga).]

**TECHNICAL AID TO CUBA****Question No. 2,662—Mr. Dick:**

With respect to the announcement by the government in January, 1973 of its intention to invest one million dollars in a program of technical aid to Cuba (a) from what source of funds will the moneys be made available to send professors to Cuba (b) what will be the specific functions of these professors in Cuba (c) will the government of Cuba be sending professors to Canada as part of the same program?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** (a) The sources of funds for the program of technical co-operation with Cuba are the parliamentary appropriations Vote 30 for fiscal year 1972/73 and Vote 25 for fiscal year 1973/74. (b) Canadian engineering professors will be teaching approximately 118 short-term courses, of four to six weeks duration, during the three-year life of the project. These courses are part of a program leading to the MSc (Eng.) in the fields of Civil, Electrical Industrial, Mechanical and Chemical engineering. (c) The government of Cuba will be sending approximately 90 Cuban students for short-term training (periods of four to six weeks), to consult on research work and thesis matters as part of this program. Cuba will not send professors to Canada.

**CONFEDERATION BUILDING—COST OF REFURNISHING****Question No. 2,679—Mr. Stevens:**

1. What was the total cost of refurbishing the Confederation Building?
2. To whom and for what amount were contracts signed for such furnishings?
3. To what extent, if any, were amounts finally paid or payable in excess of the initial contract prices and to whom were the amounts paid or payable?
4. For what reasons was the work not put out to tender?

**Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Public Works):** 1. The total cost of refurbishing the Confederation Building was \$607,407.47.

2. The following firms were awarded furnishings contracts for the total amounts indicated:

Metalsmiths Co. Ltd., Don Mills, Ontario.....	\$ 70,429.05
Sunar Industries Ltd., Toronto, Ontario.....	2,739.60
Taylor-Evans Ltd., Montreal, Quebec.....	4,050.00
Foto Blohm Assoc. Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario.....	291.70
Anna Warner Lamp Co., Toronto, Ontario.....	3,426.00
Central Marketing Services, Ottawa, Ontario.....	1,715.00
Interiors International, Toronto, Ontario.....	81,063.33
Eric Jensen Greenhouse, Agincourt, Ontario.....	19,403.00
Craftwood Products, Scarborough, Ontario.....	18,625.60
Bostlund Industries Ltd., Oak Ridges, Ontario.....	640.30
Office Specialty Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario.....	1,854.00
Canadian Guild of Potters, Toronto, Ontario.....	948.00
Sunar Industries Ltd., Ottawa, Ontario.....	1,237.20
Taevan International, Toronto, Ontario.....	3,306.00
G. W. Furniture Ltd., Montreal, Quebec.....	40,139.76
Leif Jacobsen Limited, Willowdale, Ontario.....	10,533.48
Sunar Industries Limited, Montreal, Quebec.....	41,099.40
Klaus Nienkamper Ltd., Toronto, Ontario.....	7,050.00
Business Accessories Ltd., Toronto, Ontario.....	4,230.00
Steelcase Canada Ltd., Don Mills, Ontario.....	68,171.60
Du Barry Furniture Ltd., Toronto, Ontario.....	5,426.40
Concept Furniture International Ltd., Toronto, Ontario..	47,512.32