

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Postmaster General): 1. \$112,000.

2. 800,000

3. The calendars were made available to the general public at post office counters. A small number of recipients such as members of parliament, senators and large volume mailers received calendars through the mail.

4. Canada Post's calendar is not a type of advertising. Rather it is a customer service—a mailer's guide that gives postal rates, mailing deadlines, and provides information on codes and standards and proper addressing packaged in a form that is retained and displayed by over 90 per cent of the recipients.

MINISTER'S TRAVEL

Question No. 2,083—Mr. Wise:

1. Did the Minister of Agriculture travel to Columbus, Ohio in the past six months and, if so (a) on what date (b) for what purpose (c) what group, association or organization did the Minister meet with (d) in what manner did the Minister travel?

2. What was the cost of travel for the trip and, how was it paid?

3. What are the names, addresses and responsibilities of all persons accompanying the Minister?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See replies to Questions No. 29 and 30 answered this day.

TAX STATUS OF CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS

Question No. 2,085—Mr. Whiteway:

1. Is it the policy of the government to deny or evoke or threaten to evoke the tax status enjoyed by charitable organizations to those organizations who use receipted funds for the purpose of lobbying or bringing pressure to bear upon the government?

2. Is it the policy of the government to deny or evoke or threaten to evoke the tax status enjoyed by charitable organizations who encourage or direct its members or patrons to write to Members of Parliament for the purpose of lobbying or bringing pressure to bear upon the government?

3. Has the Minister of National Revenue or any member of the Department denied, evoked or threatened to evoke the tax status of a charitable organization to any organization which used its receipted funds or encouraged its membership to oppose either by petition to the government or by writing Members of Parliament for the purpose of lobbying or bringing pressure to bear upon the government with reference to the hunting of baby harp seals?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Revenue): 1. and 2. The legal interpretation of charity provided by common law judicial decisions does not recognize lobbying and bringing pressure to bear upon the government, by any means, as a charitable purpose or a charitable activity. However, the presentation of briefs to the government is an accepted activity of a charity. Under the Income Tax Act, a registered charity subjects itself to possible revocation of its registration, and thus its tax exemption, whenever non-charitable activities are undertaken, because it would be failing to comply with the basic requirement that all its activities be charitable. Lobbying and pressure activities do not necessarily result in revocation. Where such activities were a relatively minor part of a charity's activities, the charity was not aware that such activities

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would prejudice their registered status and the charity agrees not to participate in such activities in future, registration would usually not be revoked.

3. My officials, in applying the provisions of the Income Tax Act, in line with the relevant judicial decisions, have written to one registered charity which involved itself in non-charitable activities with reference to animal welfare. The charity was informed that such activities were contrary to the common law interpretation of charitable activities and that continued involvement in such an activity could result in the loss of its registration number and tax exempt status. Subsequently the charity voluntarily requested revocation and the Department was not obliged to decide upon the imposition of revocation.

LANGEVIN BUILDING—CARPET FOR PRIME MINISTER AND STAFF

Question No. 2,154—Mr. Cossitt:

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 2, which stated in part that \$89,000 was the cost of carpet installed in the Langevin Building with no portion of this applying to the area occupied by the Prime Minister and his staff, is there carpet on the floor in the area occupied by the Prime Minister and his staff and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so (i) where did it come from (ii) what was the total cost (iii) what was the cost per square yard?

2. Did the Prime Minister and his staff bring their own old carpet from the East Block for reuse or did anyone do it on their behalf and, if so, is this a new policy by the Prime Minister and the government to save money for the taxpayer by implementing restraint in government purchases for the Prime Minister and members of the Cabinet?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works): The answer to Question 2 (a) and 2 (b) stated that the total cost of carpeting installed in the Langevin Building was \$89,000 which included the carpeting of space occupied by the Prime Minister and his staff. 1 (a), (b)(i), (b)(ii), (b)(iii) and 2 are not applicable.

LANGEVIN BUILDING—AREA OCCUPIED BY PRIME MINISTER AND STAFF

Question No. 2,155—Mr. Cossitt:

With reference to the answer to Question No. 2, which stated in part that \$4,336,489.16 was spent on renovations to the Langevin Building, with no portion of this applying to the area occupied by the Prime Minister and his staff (a) is the Prime Minister and his staff occupying a section of the building that was not renovated and, if so, what is the area (b) was a portion of this amount spent on the area occupied by the Prime Minister and his staff and, if so, what was the amount?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works): See reply to Question No. 2,154 answered this day.

NUMBER OF INMATES ADMITTED TO INSTITUTIONS IN QUEBEC REGION, 1970-1976

Question No. 2,195—Mr. Hnatyshyn:

1. For the years 1970 to 1976, what was the number of inmates admitted to the Quebec Federal Training Centre?

2. How many had (a) been admitted to a federal institution for the first time (b) at one time been convicted under the Juvenile Delinquents Act?