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PRIME MINISTER'S RESIDENCE

Question No. 2,312—**Mr. Cossitt:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,352 stating in part that an antique French bergère circa 1820 was purchased at a cost of \$950 for the Prime Minister's residence at 24 Sussex Drive (a) on what date and from whom was such purchase made (b) who are all the persons choosing and recommending such purchase (c) were any designers, interior decorators involved and, if so, what are their identities and what fees did they receive?

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MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION PUBLICATION—*M & I NEWS*

Question No. 3,105—**Mr. Epp:**

1. What is the yearly budget for the Department of Manpower and Immigration publication *M & I News*?

2. What was the cost for June 1975?

3. Is the publication printed by (a) government facilities (b) private printers and, if so, what is the name of the printer?

4. Were tenders called for the printing of the publication?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. Budget for 1975-76—\$28,000.

2. Cost for printing June, 1975—\$7,644.15.

3. (a) No. (b) Yes, Mutual Press Ltd., 1424 Michael St. Ottawa.

4. Yes, tenders were called and contract awarded by D.S.S.

OPENING OF MIRABEL AIRPORT

Question No. 3,131—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. Did any reporters invited to attend the press activities for the opening of Mirabel Airport have their (a) transportation (b) accommodation paid for by the government and, if so (i) how many (ii) what was the cost to the taxpayer for each activity?

2. What was the cost to the taxpayer for (a) liquor (b) food supplied for the use of reporters and government officials involved with the press activities?

3. (a) What other categories of persons except government employees had either their transportation or accommodation paid for by the taxpayer (b) what was the total cost to the taxpayer for each category?

4. What was the total cost to the taxpayer for the provision of (a) liquor (b) food for all of the activities commemorating Mirabel's opening?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): 1. (a) No. (b) No.

2. (a) \$3,306.78. (b) \$6,075.

Order Paper Questions

3. (a) Nineteen foreign ministers responsible for Civil Aviation including wives and one assistant. The Canadian government is paying the cost of accommodation but not transportation. (b) Total cost \$12,179.

4. (a) \$20,250. (b) \$48,840.96.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The other day, in the absence of the Prime Minister, I raised a point of order concerning the answer given to question No. 1,233. Now that the Prime Minister is back in the House, I should like to raise it again because I feel it is quite appropriate. The question concerns the swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive and the fact that certain questions, particularly No. 1,233, have been answered with non-answers. I ask the Prime Minister, on this point of order, if he can now assure the House beyond any doubt that there is no impropriety, no conflict of interest or anything existing in regard to the swimming pool at 24 Sussex Drive?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As the hon. member may know, he probably does not have a valid point of order; and even if he does, it does not permit him to ask questions beyond the question period.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—GOVERNMENT SPENDING—IMPLEMENTATION OF WILSON REPORT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition) moved:

That in the view of this House, the government should set an example to other Canadians by forthwith indicating the nature and extent of the restraints on government spending and should also introduce without further delay measures to implement the Wilson report on the office of the Auditor General as an indication of its willingness to eliminate waste and extravagance.

He said: Madam Speaker, in this motion put forward by my party today we are asking the government to set an example for Canadians in the matter of restraints. The government should also take specific action in relation to the office of the Auditor General. During most of my remarks I intend to deal with the restraint aspect of the motion, under two headings. Others will deal specifically with the office of the Auditor General and recommendations will be made in that regard.

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As I say, it is of great importance to the country that the government itself set an example to the people, in two ways. First, there must be real restraint. Here there is no room for new tricks with mirrors, or old juggling acts. Second, the public must perceive that the government has changed its own style of living, really believes in modesty of operation and is committed to it as a long-term way of life. So far, in the flurry and confusion of the first 17 days of the new renaissance, I have not seen examples of the government's determination to proceed on either of those