

Questions on the Order Paper

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND CSIS—EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Question No. 329—**Mr. Boyer:**

Are Canadians of East European background employed (a) in the Department of External Affairs (i) as a whole (ii) on the East European desk (b) with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and, if so, in each case, how many?

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of External Affairs and the Ministry of the Solicitor General as follows:

In so far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned, the Department does not keep statistics of the type requested.

Personal information obtained by the Department can under Section 7 of the Privacy Act only be used for the purpose for which it was initially collected or for the purpose of responding to specific circumstances outlined in Section 8 of the Privacy Act. The compilation of the requested statistics would not be consistent with those conditions which must be met before personal information can be disclosed to a third party. Accordingly, it is not possible to assemble requested statistics.

In so far as the Ministry of the Solicitor General is concerned:

With respect to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, information about particular employees cannot be disclosed. Under Section 7 of the Privacy Act, personal information obtained by a department can only be used for the purpose for which it was initially collected or for the purpose of responding to specific circumstances outlined in Section 8 of the Act. The compilation of the requested statistics would not be consistent with those conditions which must be met before personal information can be disclosed to a third party.

The personnel practices and rules under which the Service operates do not provide for the gathering of information on the East European background of employees. Any such information that might emerge from the security screening process is protected.

Accordingly, it is not possible to assemble the requested statistics.

DSS—CONTRACT AWARDED SOLE-SOURCED

Question No. 363—**Mr. Caccia:**

Was Department of Supply and Services contract 08DB.45045-7-7573 sole-sourced and, if so, (a) who authorized the sole-sourcing of this contract (b) was the sole-source justification technically and financially evaluated, and, if so, by whom (c) did the Department of Public Works make any recommendations on this contract or the tendering process related to this contract and, if so, what were the (i) recommendations (ii) responses of the Department of Supply and Services (d) are there other suppliers of such equipment and, if so, were any contacted prior to the awarding of this contract (e) who signed the purchase requisition?

Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of Supply and Services): The DSS contract was sole-sourced.

(a) The request for sole source, directed procurement, was contained in "Sole Source Justification" document attached to Requisition 45045-7-7573, authorized by T. Thompson, Director Headquarters Operation Division, Statistics Canada.

(b) The sole source justification was technically and financially evaluated by Public Works, A and E Services, and recommended by the Director of the main Computer Centre, Statistics Canada.

(c) (i) The Department of Public Works recommended use of Pillar system since it offers maximum protection against line distortion, with EPE System as second option to be considered and a possible combination of MPL/EPE Equipment as a third option.

(ii) DSS accepted the Statistics Canada Sole Source Justification for Pillar System as per letter attached to requisition.

(d) Yes. Since evaluation had been carried out, and sole source justified, no contact with other suppliers was considered necessary.

(e) The Requisition for Goods and Services from Statistics Canada was signed by the following:

Recommended by M. J. Tremblay, Assistant Director, Administrative Support Services Sub-Division, authorized by T. Thompson Director, Headquarters Operations Division, financial authority (Section 25), R. Quesnel, Manager, Accounting Operations.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—EXPENDITURES IN METRO TORONTO AREA

Question No. 366—**Mr. Redway:**

Since September 4, 1984, did the Department of Veterans Affairs make grants and/or loans to persons or corporations, non-governmental organizations and governments within Metropolitan Toronto and, if so, to which ones and, in each case, in what amount and for what purpose?

Hon. George Hees (Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State (Seniors)): Grants paid to recipients in the Metropolitan Toronto area for the period September 4, 1984 to May 31, 1988:
Assistance Fund

Grants paid under the Assistance Fund Regulations, of up to five hundred dollars to eligible veterans to meet unforeseen emergency needs and unexpected contingencies	\$189,000
Treatment Allowances	

Grants paid under the Veterans Treatment Regulations, to pensioners who were receiving treatment for their pensioned disability	\$613,000
Last Post fund	

Grants paid under the Last Post Fund Regulations to reimburse the Fund for expenses incurred for the funeral and burial of indigent veterans	\$821,000
Children of War Dead/Pensioners Training	