

To the Standing Committee on Agriculture
Agriculture, Vote 15C

To the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture
Communications, Votes 5C, 10C, 30C, 35C and 75C

To the Standing Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs
Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Votes 1C and 15C

To the Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources
Energy, Mines and Resources, Vote L31C

To the Standing Committee on Environment and Forestry
Agriculture, Vote 45C
Environment, Vote 15C

To the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade
External Affairs, Votes 1C, 10C and 30C

To the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
Finance, Votes 1C and 16C
National Revenue, Vote 1C

To the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans
Fisheries and Oceans, Votes 5C and 10C

To the Standing Committee on Government Operations
Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Vote 12C
Privy Council Vote 1C
Supply and Services, Vote 10C
Treasury Board, Votes 1C and 21C

To the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General
Justice, Votes 1C, 5C, 15C and 40C
Solicitor General, Vote 30C

To the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration
Employment and Immigration, Votes 1C, 5C, 10C, 15C, 20C and 25C
Labour, Votes 1C and 16C

To the Standing Committee on National Defence
National Defence, Vote 1C

To the Standing Committee on National Health and Welfare
National Health and Welfare, Votes 1C, 50C, 55C and 75C

To the Standing Committee on Regional Industrial Expansion
Regional Industrial Expansion, Votes 2C, 3C, 10C, L26C and 51C

To the Standing Committee on Research, Science and Technology
Science and Technology, Votes 25C and 30C

To the Standing Committee on Secretary of State
Secretary of State, Votes 1C, 10C, 20C, 25C, 30C and 45C

To the Standing Committee on Transport
Transports, Votes 1C, 5C, 25C, 36C, 37C, 38C, 86C, 87C, 95C and 100C

To the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs
Veterans Affairs, Vote 1C

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 432 and 513.

Order Paper Questions

[Text]

CBC—TENDERING FOR NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Question No. 432—Mrs. Cossitt:

1. Were tenders called for the acquisition of telephone equipment for Canadian Broadcasting Corporation offices in (a) Ottawa (b) Quebec (c) Montreal (d) Toronto (e) Vancouver and, if so (i) on what dates (ii) were the tenders public or by invitation (iii) what are the names and addresses of all those who submitted tenders and, in each case, what was the amount (c) what was the name of the company or individual awarded the contract (d) what was the final cost of the contract?

2. Was the deadline for tender submissions less than 30 days from the date tenders were called and (a) if so (i) what are all the reasons for a 30 day limit (ii) what is the name and job designation of the highest official who authorized the deadline (iii) did any of the companies or individuals submitting tenders express concern to CBC officials about the 30 day limit (b) if not, what was the deadline for submissions?

3. Is it CBC policy to issue tenders for major projects, representing an expenditure in excess of \$5 million, near the end of the fiscal year and, if so, for what reasons?

4. Were these tenders part of a four phase program to upgrade existing telephone equipment and, if so (a) were all considerations given to utilizing the most advanced technology available and, if not, for what reason (b) on what date will the entire program be completed (c) will additional tenders be called and, if so, for what reason?

5. Is this project part of the Federal Capital Recovery Projects Program and, if so (a) on what date was it approved for funding (b) what is the name and job designation of the highest official authorizing the project (c) how many jobs did it create?

6. Did CBC request information for requirements of telephone equipment for their offices in Ottawa, Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver on or about September 21, 1982 and, if so, was any action taken on the submissions received and, if not, for what reasons?

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Communications): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows:

1. (a) Yes. (b) Yes. (c) Yes. (d) No. (e) Yes. (i) (a) (b) (c) and (e) January 20, 1984.

(ii) By invitation. To determine potential suppliers for upgrading its telephone systems, the Corporation consulted with in-house specialists, obtained information from outside consultants, and, to ensure a non-biased selection, it also referred to a publication entitled "The Interconnect Industry in Canada" published by ICA Telemanagement Inc. Two Canadian telephone equipment suppliers and seven Canadian suppliers/installers of telephone equipment were invited to submit tenders.

(iii) Of the nine potential equipment suppliers invited to tender, five presented submissions. They are:

CTG Telecommunications Systems Inc. (CTG)
144 Front Street, West
Toronto, Ontario
M2J 2L7
Bell Communications Systems Inc. (BCSI)
240 Catherine Street, Suite 405
Ottawa, Ontario
K2P 2G8