

*Order Paper Questions*

questions will be answered today: Nos. 59, 130, 195, 241, 344, 368, 626, 705 and 787.

[Text]

MRS. OLGA FARMAKOVSKY

**Question No. 59—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. To the knowledge of the government, did a Russian, Mrs. Olga Farmakovsky, defect some time ago and, if so (a) was she an interpreter (b) what were the circumstances of the defection?

2. Was her husband a Colonel in the GRU, Russian Military Intelligence?

3. Is she now living somewhere in Canada under another name?

4. Was she at any time in contact with, in association with, or did she in any way communicate with Mr. Leslie James Bennett, formerly of the RCMP Security Services, or did he in any way make contact or communicate with her and, if so, for what reason?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** 1. The *Montreal Gazette* of November 10, 1966, carried an item outlining the defection of one Olga Alexandrovna Farmakovskaya on October 16, 1966, at Beirut, Lebanon.

(a) This same article mentioned she was a secretary and interpreter in the Moscow bureau of the *Toronto Telegram*.

(b) The article further stated she defected after coming ashore with a group of Russian tourists from a liner from Odessa. Lebanese authorities refused to hand her over to the Russian Embassy saying they would abide by international law and give her freedom to go where she wanted.

2. In so far as official knowledge of the RCMP is concerned, their policy, which I endorse, is to preserve the confidentiality of all information it holds on individuals and organizations.

3 and 4. See answer to part 2.

## CANADIAN ARMED FORCES—PERSONNEL

**Question No. 130—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the total number of persons in the Canadian Armed Forces and how many (a) are male (b) are female (c) have (i) English (ii) French as their mother tongue?

2. Does the government intend to enlarge the number of Armed Forces personnel and (a) if so, what are the details (b) if not, for what reason?

**Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** 1. 79,909 as at 31 March, 1980. All figures below are in respect of regular force personnel.

(a) 74,421;

(b) 5,488;

(c) (i) 59,619;

(ii) 19,903.

Three hundred eighty-seven personnel have indicated another language as their mother tongue.

2. Yes.

(a) The increase will be to about 83,000 (regular force personnel) in accordance with the decision announced in 1977. The increase will be in annual increments, the size of which will be governed by the needs of the forces and the fiscal constraints existing each year.

## CANADA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

**Question No. 195—Mr. Herbert:**

1. For each fiscal year (a) 1977 (b) 1978, what was the total revenue and net earnings or deficits for the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation?

2. For each year, what was the total (a) of direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits conferred by the government on the corporation (b) of loans, advances or guarantees extended by the government to the corporation (c) investment by the government in the corporation both before and after any write-off?

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)):** The information sought by the hon. member is equally accessible to him, being reported annually in the Public Accounts of Canada. To assist him, however, this information is as follows:

1. The total revenue of the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation was \$9,298,043 in 1977 and \$10,573,199 in 1978. The net income of the corporation was \$4,822,445 in 1977 and \$5,459,210 in 1978.

2. (a) No direct or indirect subsidies or other benefits were conferred on the corporation by the government during 1977 or 1978.

(b) No loans, advances or guarantees were extended to the corporation by the government during 1977 or 1978.

(c) The government's investment of \$10 million in the capital stock of the corporation was redeemed by the corporation on August 26, 1977, by means of a payment to the government of this amount. The government also received a dividend of \$491,667 from the corporation during 1977 in respect of the period January 1, 1977 to August 26, 1977.

## LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMS—UNEMPLOYED PERSONS

**Question No. 241—Mr. Herbert:**

Will the government consider the provision of language training programmes for unemployed persons on the same level as is available for immigrants?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Language training under the Canada Manpower Training Program is available to unemployed persons on essentially the same basis as it is to immigrants seeking employment. Such training is available to Canadian workers who have moved to other provinces and who require this training to find employment. Workers who have not relocated are expected to make use of provincial and private language training facilities.