

## Order Paper Questions

**Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** The department has received and studied the interim report on vitamins from the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons. Vitamins are essential nutrients for the proper functioning and control of a wide variety of biochemical processes in body cells. Severe disease conditions result from vitamin deficiencies. The department has not received any evidence from properly constituted and controlled clinical trials which would demonstrate that vitamin C affords protection against the common cold. No appropriate evidence has been received which would demonstrate the safety or effectiveness of vitamin E in the treatment of heart disease, nor for the B vitamins in the treatment of mental disorders.

## PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCES—FLOWERS AND PLANTS

## Question No. 85—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Between April 20, 1968 and May 22, 1979, what was the total amount of public funds spent on flowers, plants, etc., of any kind for the Prime Minister's (a) official residence at 24 Sussex Drive (b) summer residence at Harrington Lake (c) offices?

2. What is the combined total for the locations mentioned in part 1?

3. Were any of the flowers worn by the Prime Minister in his lapel between April 20, 1968 and May 22, 1979 paid for by government funds and (a) if so (i) how many were used (ii) what was the total cost (b) if not, were such lapel flowers provided free of charge by any florist doing business with the government?

4. What are the names of all florists supplying any goods mentioned in parts 1 and 3 and which ones supplied roses and/or carnations for the use of the Prime Minister, if such were indeed supplied?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** 1 and 2. The Official Residences Act covering the Prime Minister's residences (24 Sussex and Harrington Lake), the residence of the Leader of the Opposition (Stornoway) and the residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons states in part that the National Capital Commission shall maintain and improve from time to time as required such lands. During the time the residences have existed, the National Capital Commission has maintained the exterior landscaping on the lands involved and in so doing has provided certain plants, the costs of which are set out in Lists "A" and "B" below. These costs are not available prior to the 1975-76 fiscal year. The NCC maintains shrub nurseries as well as greenhouses and it is from such installations that plants are utilized in maintaining exterior landscaping as required. The Department of Public Works greenhouse provides potted plants and cut flowers for the residences and offices of the Prime Minister. This has been the routine for at least 28 years.

3 and 4. Other than supplies mentioned above, public funds were not spent.

## LIST "A"

24 Sussex Fiscal Year	Annuals (Flowers—3" Pots)		Bulbs		Shrubs and Trees	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	1979-80	5,049	\$3,382	5,750	\$ 784	23
1978-79	4,502	\$3,398	5,750	\$ 650	Nil	Nil
1977-78	3,958	\$4,586	4,750	\$ 620	2	\$ 68
1976-77	2,695	\$2,347	8,750	\$ 577	Nil	Nil
1975-76	4,629	\$2,063	10,250	\$1,051	1,560	\$6,081

As records are destroyed after a 5-year interval, in accordance with government records disposal schedule, no information is available prior to the fiscal year 1975-76.

## LIST "B"

Harrington Lake Fiscal Year	Annuals (Flowers—3" Pots)		Bulbs		Shrubs and Trees	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
	1979-80	366	\$ 262	Nil	Nil	Nil
1978-79	2,212	\$1,331	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
1977-78	652	\$ 478	1,425	\$205	Nil	Nil
1976-77	1,392	\$ 822	2,750	\$130	Nil	Nil
1975-76	1,721	\$ 847	500	\$ 37	Nil	Nil

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## PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE—AMOUNT SPENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

## Question No. 98—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Was the total amount of money allocated for professional services in the budget of the Prime Minister's office during the 1979-80 fiscal year in the amount of \$270,000 and, if not, what was the total amount?

2. Did the Prime Minister spend \$115,000 for professional services during the first few months of the fiscal year and, if so (a) what percentage does this represent of the annual budget (b) exactly how was the money spent, including the names of all persons receiving it, the amounts received in each case, the services performed in each case, and the date such services were performed, in each case?

3. Did any of the expenditures whatsoever have anything directly or indirectly to do with the federal election campaign in the months of April and May 1979 during which money was spent and, if so, what are the exact details?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** 1. Yes.

2. Total expenditure—\$119,756.83.

(a) 44 per cent approximately.

(b) See below.

Name of Recipient	Type of Service	Amount	Date Service Rendered Including Termination Clause
Personal Services Contracts			
Mary-Alice Mullally	Assistant Household Co-ordinator	\$ 375.00	May, June 1979
Albert Breton	Economic Adviser	5,500.00	April, May
Allan Lutfy	Executive Assistant	11,250.00	April, May, June
Janet Cameron	Secretarial Services	3,509.90	April, May, June
Claire Gigantes	Press Analyst	2,250.00	March, April, May, June