

Order Paper Questions

Mr. McKenzie: Madam Speaker, I have two questions, one of which was asked over a year ago. I have raised this on two other occasions. It concerns Question No. 3,441 which was placed on the Order Paper in November of 1981. The question is:

Did the Minister of Supply and Services, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development take a JetStar flight to Winnipeg for the official opening of General Aluminum Forgings Incorporated on October 30, 1981, and, if so, in each case, other than the Minister and the aircraft crew, who was on the flight?

This information is readily available. I have raised it on two other occasions. I would like to get a commitment from the Parliamentary Secretary by next week.

Also, Question No. 4,175, which was placed on the Order Paper on March 24 of this year, regarded the Government's hiring teams that are going into universities and schools across Canada. It is quite an important question. I want to know when these hiring teams are going to the University of Winnipeg and the University of Manitoba and just exactly who they will be hiring there. I would appreciate it if the Parliamentary Secretary would make inquiries and come back with some kind of an answer next week.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I will be happy to look into this matter on behalf of the Hon. Member. Sometimes questions which may appear quite simple and straightforward at first glance turn out to be somewhat complicated because the answer involves several Departments. I will certainly pursue this question with great dispatch and see what I can do to come up with an answer.

Mr. McKnight: Madam Speaker, in the spirit of co-operation shown by the Parliamentary Secretary, I have inquiries regarding Questions 2,107, 2,108 and 2,109. These questions go back to February, 1981, and regard the transportation of grain and some conflict in statements between the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) and his assistant in the other place. In the spirit shown by the Parliamentary Secretary today, I look forward to receiving those answers.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I would be very happy to look into that matter on behalf of the Hon. Member. So as to expedite the time of the House, I will assure Members opposite that all outstanding questions on the Order Paper will be looked into.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Smith: I say this in the spirit of Christmas and I trust that they will reciprocate in the spirit of Christmas the remaining three or four minutes that we have today.

Mr. Bosley: Madam Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary, who has indicated his relationship to everyone on this side of the House, is doing an extraordinary job. Since I go back

almost as long with him as he does with the daughter of the Hon. Member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse)—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Bosley: I would like to ask two specific questions of my old friend, the Parliamentary Secretary. Would he consider answering Question No. 3,340 which is dated November 6, 1981? It concerns the Canadian subsidization of wheat sales to Russia which is still an issue of some concern.

As well, perhaps on behalf of a Member who is no longer able to ask his question since he is in the ministry, it might be appreciated if question No. 2,157, which is in the name of the Hon. Minister of Labour (Mr. Caccia), which still has not been answered and for which he can no longer request an answer, could be answered also.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I am very pleased that the Hon. Member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley), with whom I had the pleasure of working for many years as a fellow alderman on Toronto City Council, has brought these matters to my attention. I will be very happy to look into the first question. It may take me a few hours to do so. As soon as we are able to leave the House in a couple of minutes, I will immediately see what I can do to deal with that.

With regard to the other question which he raised, it is a little more complicated in nature. I believe that inquiries have been made by our office in regard to it. I will have to look into it to see whether or not I can do something to expedite the compilation of that answer.

As I said a few moments ago, sometimes these answers involve several different Departments. When they do involve several different Departments, it can be very frustrating when you have an answer from one Department on your desk and sometimes the answer from a second Department will arrive on your desk, and sometimes the answer from a third Department will arrive on your desk, and sometimes the answer from a fourth Department will arrive on your desk.

Some Hon. Members: Filibuster.

Mr. Smith: Sometimes these answers involve as many as 25 different Departments.

An Hon. Member: Which ones?

Mr. Smith: Sometimes it involves the Department of Defence when the question involves use of aircraft. Sometimes it involves the Department of Transport when the question involves the use of aircraft. When a variety of different Departments are involved in forming an answer, it takes quite a while to do so. I am not quite sure which Department it is in this particular case.