

Oral Questions

Canadian weekly newspapers. Will he say whether such a survey is planned and, if so, will he explain its purpose?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, such a survey is being planned as part of a general survey of the commercial printing industry in Canada. This survey was discussed with representatives of the industry and it has their support. I cannot tell the hon. member when the results will be published but I should think it might be some months away.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**OVERTIME PAY—REQUEST FOR REPORT FOLLOWING SURVEY**

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Solicitor General. In view of representations that have been made over a period of several years about the payment of overtime to members of the RCMP, will he advise the House whether a survey was made of the force in respect of overtime and, if so, was the survey submitted to the government and has the government turned over moneys to the force for the payment of overtime?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the RCMP is presently conducting a study into overtime pay but I have not yet received the report. In the meanwhile, however, overtime compensation is being paid to the RCMP in the form of premium payments.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I ask the Solicitor General whether it is correct that the payments being made to members of the force constitute equal payments to all its members whether or not they actually work overtime.

Mr. Allmand: I would have to inquire about that further, Mr. Speaker.

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SPORTS**MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES, 1976—DECISION ON STAMP, COIN AND LOTTERY SCHEME PROPOSED BY COMMITTEE AND PROVISION OF FUNDS**

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I should like to address my question to the right hon. Prime Minister. In light of the fact the main body of the Montreal Olympics Commission left this morning for Lausanne, Switzerland, to make a complete report to the International Olympic Committee, and that the commission feels its ability to cover the costs of the games hinges on government approval of special stamps, lotteries and coins, and in view of the fact the Prime Minister's office announced last week that the final decision had been made by the cabinet regarding this matter, will he now finally tell the House and, indeed, millions of frustrated Canadians what that decision is?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I think the simplest answer is that there was no such announcement made by my office.

Mr. Hees: What is the decision?

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Mr. Trudeau: Are you one of the thousands of frustrated Canadians?

Mr. Hees: I am frustrated every time I listen to you.

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Speaker, some of us remember that the Prime Minister made an announcement through his office, but I will ask a supplementary question. In view of the fact the Prime Minister has had the Olympics budget in his possession since last October, will he tell the House whether he has, due to his obvious non-committal stand on this matter, withdrawn the government support of the games that he made initially in a letter written in 1968?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I must correct the hon. member again on his facts. The budget of the commission was only made known to the federal government in late November after I had been pressing COJO and Mayor Drapeau since at least August, in writing, to get that budget.

An hon. Member: Answer the question.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, since the facts are wrong, if it is permitted by the House I will correct those facts before attempting to deal with the question.

An hon. Member: As long as you get to the question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. We have gone beyond the end of the question period. Perhaps the hon. member might ask a supplementary if he is seeking the floor for that purpose and then we will call orders of the day.

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Speaker, it seems to me that the Prime Minister is evading the question as far as—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair was prepared to recognize the hon. member for the purpose of asking a supplementary question to which the right hon. Prime Minister might have replied. I will recognize the hon. member for that purpose, but I hope we will not get involved in argument.

Mr. Jelinek: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. Has the Prime Minister made a decision one way or another regarding the request made to him by the Olympics committee back in October?

An hon. Member: Come on, Pierre.

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MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES, 1976—MEANS OF FINANCING—POSITION OF GOVERNMENT

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

In view of the press conference given by Mr. Drapeau in which he confirmed again that he was not requesting funds from the federal government but approval of the means which the city of Montreal will be taking to finance the Olympic games, can the right hon. Prime Minister inform us if the verbal guarantee of the mayor of Montreal is sufficient or if he is asking for more concrete