

Adjournment Debate

government departments and government agencies. It was an incredible statement to make.

Every time an audit is done by the Auditor General, I would suspect that he would have access to confidential information. So the answers that have been given in this place are simply unacceptable and do not in any way address the request of the Auditor General, a request that I repeated, hopefully on behalf of the Auditor General and other parliamentarians in the House on November 26.

Is the government prepared to release to the Auditor General the documents that he has requested so that he can do an audit, not to find out whether or not the trip was worthwhile, but he wanted to find out whether or not the charges that were coming from the Department of National Defence for cost recovery purposes were correct?

The government has stated that it is quite prepared to give that information from October 25 onward. From a discussion I have had with one of the members of the Auditor General's staff, I found out that six months prior the government gave almost identical information when an information audit was done to find out what material was available so they could structure their audit.

I would ask the parliamentary secretary who is here tonight if he can shed some light on the questions that I

have raised, subsequent to the questions that were asked in this place. He may wish to comment for a moment or two and because of the nature of the questions that I have asked, he may wish to provide me and the House with a formal reply.

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I first want to apologize to the hon. member for Dartmouth. We have had an earlier discussion. He has had a number of questions on the Order Paper for the late show and we have had a slight mix-up in our responses. What he has asked for is some very detailed information of a question that he had asked earlier this year and that other people have asked. I think in all fairness and to give him the proper answer we will provide him with a written reply to the questions he has raised tonight. I believe that that would be the most fair way to look after his concerns. I give him my word that we will reply with a written response very shortly.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly the House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m.

The House adjourned at 10 p.m.
