

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

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**Monday, March 11, 1968**

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

[Translation]

### VACANCY

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to section 10 of the House of Commons Act, I wish to give notice that a vacancy occurred in the representation in the House of Commons of the electoral district of Saint-Jacques, Montreal, in the province of Quebec, as a result of the death of Mr. Maurice Rinfret, former member for the said district.

### PRIVILEGE

MR. CHRÉTIEN—CORRECTION OF FIGURES  
STATED IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Last night, interviewed by journalists on television, I gave an approximate figure in answer to a question about the amount of reserves held by Canada. Trusting my memory, I made a mistake. The only figure I know is the one given by the Minister of Finance on February 29 last, namely that our reserves approximate to \$2.49 billion.

[English]

### THE MINISTRY

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESIGNATION OF  
PRIVY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to announce the resignation from the cabinet of the President of the Privy Council, Hon. W. L. Gordon, in accordance with the request he made to me some weeks ago and which I accepted, with both personal and official regret, as of March 11, 1968.

### QUESTIONS

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

PUBLIC RELATIONS SERVICE,  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Question No. 598—**Mr. Woolliams:**

1. (a) For each of the years 1964 to 1967 inclusive, how many persons were employed from time-to-time in the information and/or public relations

services of the Department of Justice (b) what position has been and is now held by each such employee, for what period and at what salary or remuneration?

2. (a) For each of the years 1964 to 1967 inclusive, what persons, firms or corporations, if any, other than the departmental information services or public relations division, have been employed and/or retained for the purpose of preparing, disseminating or in any manner dealing with the information services and/or public relations of the Department of Justice (b) what are the names of such persons, firms and corporations, if any; for what purpose and period was the employment and what was the cost in each instance (c) were public tenders called for the services described in (a) and (b) and, if not, upon what basis and by whom was the selection made?

3. (a) For each of the years 1964 to 1967 inclusive, how many press releases have been prepared for or on behalf of the department and/or the Minister of Justice; by whom were the same prepared and at what cost (b) for each of the years 1964 to 1967 inclusive, what radio and television time has been purchased by the Department of Justice; for what purpose and for what cost (c) for each of the years 1964 to 1967 inclusive, what advertising or other space was purchased in domestic and foreign newspapers, magazines and other publications; for what purpose and for what cost?

4. For each of the years 1964 to 1967 inclusive, what was the cost of travel of the Minister of Justice and his staff and of any of the personnel described in parts 1 and 2 above; what trips were undertaken and for what purpose?

5. For each of the years 1964 to 1967 inclusive, what advertising or any other related contracts have been awarded by the Department of Justice; to whom were the same awarded, for what purpose and for what cost; were public tenders called in each instance and, if not, upon what basis and by whom was the contract awarded?

6. Does the Department of Justice maintain and/or operate any office located elsewhere than in Ottawa for the purpose, in whole or in part, of promoting the public relations of the department and/or the Minister of Justice, and if so, where are such offices located; what is the cost of the maintenance and operation of such offices; how many are employed in each such office and at what salary or remuneration in each case?

**Hon. P.-E. Trudeau (Minister of Justice):**

1. (a) None. (b) Not applicable.

2. (a) None. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable.

3. (a) None. All press releases were prepared by departmental and ministerial personnel. (b) None. (c) None.