

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I have a brief point of order. If the House is to consider today the expenses of the Prime Minister's office and the Privy Council office, and we have been unable to question Mr. Michael Pitfield either in committee or elsewhere, will the Prime Minister assure the House that he will stay here for the entire day to be available to answer questions on this matter?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That question was raised during the question period.

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TRANSPORT

TABLING OF MAJORITY AND MINORITY REPORTS ON BILINGUALISM IN AIR TO GROUND COMMUNICATIONS

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I wish to table copies in both official languages of the majority and minority reports on bilingualism in air-ground communications.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 2,060, 2,200 and 2,291.

If question No. 2,178 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION— PARLIAMENTARY RETURNS OFFICE

Question No. 2,060—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):

In the last fiscal year, what was the cost of operation of the Parliamentary Returns Office of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?

Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The Parliamentary Returns Office is not a separate entity but operates as a unit within the Departmental Secretariat which reports to the Deputy Minister. It is not possible to separate the cost for Parliamentary Returns work from the overall operating costs of the Secretariat.

ARCTIC WATERS POLLUTION PREVENTION ACT

Question No. 2,200—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):

With reference to the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act, as of March 15, 1975 (a) how many persons were employed as pollution

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prevention officers (b) where was each located or stationed (c) what was the (i) highest (ii) lowest salary paid to such officers?

Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): (a) Six. However, it should be noted that there are no Pollution Prevention officers per se. The responsibilities have merely been added to the duties that these officials already have. Consequently, the designation did not involve the creation of any new or separate positions: (b) Four, Yellowknife, North West Territories; two, Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. (c) (i) \$29,500. (ii) \$21,000.

AUDITOR GENERAL

Question No. 2,291—Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):

1. What is the Auditor General's annual salary?
2. In the Auditor General's Office, how many employees receive a salary (a) over \$50,000 (b) from \$45,000 to \$50,000 (c) from \$40,000 to \$45,000 (d) from \$35,000 to \$40,000 (e) from \$30,000 to \$35,000 (f) from \$25,000 to \$30,000 (g) from \$20,000 to \$25,000 (h) from \$15,000 to \$20,000 (i) from \$10,000 to \$15,000 (j) under \$10,000?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): 1. \$40,000 to \$45,000.

2. (a) nil, (b) nil, (c) 1, (d) 1, (e) 4, (f) 19, (g) 41, (h) 112, (i) 77, (j) 48.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

CHEMICAL DISPERSANTS

Question No. 2,178—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):

1. As of March 15, 1975 (a) what chemical dispersants were in the possession of the (i) Department of the Environment (ii) Department of Transport (iii) any other government agency or department to combat oil spills in the Great Lakes or off the coasts of Canada (b) what was the quantity of each such dispersant?

2. In the case of each chemical dispersant possessed by the government to combat off-shore oil spills (a) in what location (b) under what specific conditions was each tested (c) what was the result of each such test?

3. In each case where a chemical dispersant possessed by the government to combat off-shore oil spills was not tested in actual sea or Great Lakes conditions, off-shore, what was the reason for not testing in actual conditions off-shore?

Return tabled.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, I wish to refer to five questions standing in my name on the order paper since last September 30. They are the five questions that have stood longest on the order paper, namely, No. 28, No. 32, No. 62, No. 64 and No. 69. Several of these were on the order paper during the last parliament. Two of them, namely, No. 32 and No. 69, have been on the order paper now, without an answer, for approaching a year. They ask about the use of government aircraft by the Prime Minister. They are very simple questions, such as the amount of flying time, what aircraft were used to go to the Ontario annual meeting of the Liberal Party in Sudbury, and other basically simple things such as the cost per hour.

These questions have not been answered. I assume the reason is that the questions also carry with them a sub-question asking for the names of those on the passenger