

Order Paper Questions

basis of a lease with option to purchase and in each case the option was exercised. Among the principals in these transactions were: C. D. Howe, Minister, Munitions and Supply; J. H. Berry, President, War Assets Corporation; E. F. Hutton, Representing Electric Boat and the founder of General Dynamics, J. J. Hopkins; D. A. Golden, Deputy Minister, Department of Defence Production; H. O. West, President Canadair Limited; J. G. Notman, President, Canadair Limited.

In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned:

3. (a) General Dynamics Corporation Ltd., nil; Canadair, \$68,447,953.

(b)	General Dynamics Corporation Ltd.	Canadair
	DIP Contribution	Nil
	PEMD Contribution	Nil
	PAIT Contribution	Nil
		\$63,140,050.
		\$ 57,903.
		\$ 5,250,000.

In so far as the Department of National Defence is concerned:

3. (a) The value of all types of DND grants is contained in the annual DND estimates and Public Accounts of Canada. (b) Under the terms and conditions of the Defence Industrial Research Program the value of the grants for each fiscal year in question was as follows:

Year	Amount	Number of Projects
1962-63	\$ 2,000	2
1963-64	71,000	6
1964-65	118,000	7
1965-66	43,000	7
1966-67	47,000	3
1967-68	194,000	5
1968-69	196,000	6
1969-70	160,000	6
1970-71	235,000	7
1971-72	232,000	6
1972-73	175,000	7
1973-74	208,000	7
1974-75 (estimated)	216,000	7

4. (a) As announced at the time the option was signed, the maximum budgetary outlay required for the purchase of Canadair is not expected to exceed \$38,150,000. An allowance was made for the purchase of Canadair under Vote L-20 which was approved in the 1975-76 Main Estimates for the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. (b) The assets of Canadair covered by the option agreement are all the assets except Canadair's investment in the Asbestos Corporation Limited. They include land, buildings, machinery, equipment, designs, copyrights, patents and so forth. One firm of appraisers estimated the total value of all such assets would amount to \$103 million after deducting outstanding liabilities. The Government is currently examining Canadair's sales potential together

[Mr. Sharp.]

with new initiatives designed to help this company achieve long run viability.

MR. RICHARD ARNOLD IRWIN—DIRECTOR OF WARNOCK HERSEY INTERNATIONAL

Question No. 3,039—**Mr. Huntington:**

Since 1968, has Mr. Richard Arnold Irwin, Director of Warnock Hersey International been or is he a member, officer, director or in any way whatsoever associated with (a) a Crown corporation (b) the government (c) a department, agency, advisory board, council or committee and, if so (i) what position did he or does he hold (ii) with what corporation, department, agency, advisory board, council or committee (iii) between what dates (iv) was the position attained by appointment, contest, promotion or through a personnel agency (v) if by appointment, by whom or by what authority was he appointed?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):
No.

MEETING OF MINISTERS AT MEACH LAKE

Question No. 3,116—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

Did Mr. Michael Pitfield or any other individual who was not a Member of the House of Commons or the Senate participate in the meeting of Ministers at the National Capital Commission property on Meach Lake, Quebec on September 17, 1975 and, if so, what was their (a) name (b) position (c) reason for attending?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):
The inner workings of cabinet, cabinet committees (including membership therein), and the services rendered by support staff are traditionally considered confidential matters. Canadian precedents in this regard flowed from British practice over many years. In response to a question in the House the Canadian Prime Minister of the day on February 4, 1960 in part replied: "The means by which the cabinet conducts its business are traditionally regarded as its own domestic affair, and questions on the subject are normally neither asked nor answered." A detailed answer to the question would be a departure from the traditional position that has always been taken that meetings of the cabinet are private and no information is given concerning attendance.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

[English]

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker if question No. 2,400 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

[Text]

RESEARCH ON FOETUSES

Question No. 2,400—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. Does the government fund or in any other way support research on live or dead foetuses and, if so, in each case (a) what is the nature of the project (b) who authorized government participation (c) who is responsible for undertaking such project?