

Order Paper Questions

MASTER OF ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

Question No. 1,269—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did Mr. Yvon Gariépy, Master of the Royal Canadian Mint, meet with banks in Germany which distribute the Canadian gold maple leaf coin and, if so (a) with whom did he meet and what were their positions (b) on what dates (c) in which locations and at what times were such meetings held (d) what is a detailed account of what was learned or accomplished at such meetings?

2. At what hotels did Mr. Gariépy stay and what was the cost to the taxpayer?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): I am informed by the Royal Canadian Mint as follows:

1. Yes.

- (a) High officials of two important international banks dealing in the trading of precious metals. The names are not being mentioned because their disclosure could be materially injurious to the financial interests of the corporation.
- (b) June 4 and 5, 1980.
- (c) Frankfurt, late afternoon and evening of June 4 and the morning and afternoon of June 5.
- (d) The purpose of the meetings was to discuss business related to the sales by these two banks of the Canadian gold maple leaf in Europe and other parts of the world.

2. Schlosshotel Kronberg. The cost to the corporation is \$530.

CROWN ASSETS DISPOSAL CORPORATION

Question No. 1,270—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did Madam Claudette Nadeau, President and General Manager of Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, visit Germany to renegotiate a contract with a company handling surplus equipment at the Canadian Armed Forces base in Lahr and, if so (a) with whom did she meet, what were their positions and what was the name of the company (b) on what dates (c) in which locations and at what times were such meetings held (d) what is a detailed account of what was learned or accomplished at such meetings?

2. At what hotels did Madam Nadeau stay and what was the cost to the taxpayer?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): I am informed by Crown Assets Disposal Corporation as follows:

1. Yes.

- (a) (i) Mr. V. Prsychowski, President, VEBEG Verwertungsgesellschaft m.b.h.;
- (ii) Mr. K. Cron, President, VEBEG Verwertungsgesellschaft m.b.h.;
- (iii) Dr. W. Diestelmeier
Ministry of Defence;
- (iv) Mr. Ernst Knebel
Ministerialdirigent Im, Bonn;
- (v) Mr. Reginald Berger
Germany Ministry of Defence, Bonn.
- (b) June 4, 5, 6, 1980.

(c) June 4—Frankfurt, at the officials' respective offices. June 5 and 6—Bonn, at the officials' respective offices. During normal business hours.

(d) Final contract executed with VEBEG, German disposal techniques, financial implications of disposal activities, expanded base for disposal of Canadian Government Surplus abroad.

2. (i) Schlosshotel, Frankfurt Bristol Hotel, Bonn;
- (ii) The cost to the corporation is \$471.

Question No. 1,315—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Did the Minister of Supply and Services order an investigation of Madam Claudette Nadeau, President and General Manager of Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and, if so, is it anticipated that there will be a change in Madam Nadeau's status and, if so, would such a change have any significance in connection with any present investigation?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services):

- (i) No.
- (ii) Not applicable.
- (iii) Not applicable.

Question No. 1,517—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the government aware of a rental agreement contract between Madam Claudette Nadeau, President of Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and Hertz Canada Ltd. numbered 907011582 and, if so (a) was the vehicle rented at the Toronto International Airport on or about June 3, 1979 (b) was the rental contract signed by Madam Nadeau (c) did the contract have an attachment authorizing an additional driver and, if so, was it signed by Mr. Yvonne Gariépy, Master of the Royal Canadian Mint?

2. Did the vehicle travel on government business for the Royal Canadian Mint or Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and, if so (a) to which locations (b) did the vehicle travel 429 kilometres (c) did the vehicle travel at any time to Stratford, Ontario and did Mr. Gariépy and Madam Nadeau attend the Stratford Festival on the instructions of the government and, if so, what were the reasons for such instructions?

3. Was the vehicle rented charged to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and, if so (a) under what authority (b) was the total public money spent for use of the vehicle for approximately two days \$94.79?

4. Did Madam Nadeau or Mr. Gariépy reimburse the Receiver General of Canada at a subsequent date, and, if so, on what date and in what amount?

5. What are the amounts and full details of all other accounts paid by the government in connection with the trip in the days immediately preceding or immediately following the car rental including means and cost of transportation from Ottawa to Toronto and return?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): I am informed by Crown Assets Disposal Corporation as follows:

1. Yes, the corporation is aware.

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Yes, as an additional authorized operator.
2. Crown Assets Disposal Corporation.
- (a) Western University, London via Stratford.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) (i) Yes.
- (ii) No.
- (iii) Not applicable.