

Order Paper Questions

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Question No. 1,214—Mr. Skoreyko:

1. From 1972 to October 31, 1976, what are the names of the Members of Parliament who have travelled on DND aircraft and, in each case, what was the (a) point of departure and destination (b) purpose of the flight?

2. For the same period, what are the names of the family members of Members of Parliament who have travelled on DND aircraft, either with the Member or separately and, in each case, what was the (a) point of departure and destination (b) purpose of the flight?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See reply to question No. 2,881.

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Question No. 1,216—Mr. Cossitt:

With reference to the answer to Question No. 50 which stated in part, that the Minister of Transport made use of DOT aircraft 133 times since April 1973, of the specific trips listed (a) on which ones was the Minister accompanied by other than DOT employees (b) what were the names, addresses and job designations of all such persons and what were the reasons that they were on board?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See reply to question No. 2,881.

MERCURY—CHLOR-ALKALI PLANTS

Question No. 1,279—Mr. Leggatt:

1. Have any chlor-alkali plants in Canada been out of compliance with chlor-alkali mercury effluent regulations brought into effect in June 1972 and, if so, in each case, on how many days?

2. How many prosecutions have been launched against Canadian chlor-alkali plants for non-compliance with the regulations?

3. What are the (a) companies charged (b) specific violations for which charges were laid (c) results of the prosecutions to date?

Mr. Jim Fleming (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and the Environment): 1. Compliance data regarding individual plants are not provided herein, as requested. Plants subject to the Chlor-Alkali Mercury Regulations must submit monthly compliance reports. Information contained in these reports is statutorily compellable, but only for the purpose of enabling the minister and the officials charged with the administration and enforcement of the Fisheries Act and Regulations to determine whether the plant is in compliance with the effluent regulations. It may only be released as required for court proceedings or when the originating chlor-alkali plant consents to its being released. In total, however, from May 1972 through December 1975, there were 972 plant-days of what is considered to be actual non-compliance; 516 plant-days of theoretical non-compliance resulting from small amounts of mercury being discharged during days of no, or very low, production; and 12,820 plant-days of compliance. (Non-compliance results when daily mercury discharges to liquid effluents exceed 0.005 pounds per ton of chlorine produced.) The annual frequency of "actual" violations has been decreasing; during 1975 there were 122. As an additional, general observation, total mercury discharges to liquid effluents from chlor-alkali plants were reduced from an estimated 148,000 pounds per year prior to 1970, to approximately 2,200 pounds from May through December 1972, 900 pounds during

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1973 and 1974, and 600 pounds during 1975. Also, for each plant during 1975, the ratio of total mercury discharged (in pounds) to liquid effluents, to total chlorine produced (in tons), was less than 0.005; the overall ratio, averaging those for all plants, was 0.002.

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3. (a) Standard Chemicals Ltd. and American Can of Canada Ltd. (b) Charges were laid for the following discharges which are given in pounds of mercury per ton of chlorine produced on the day specified (i) Standard Chemicals Ltd.: 0.030 on September 2, 1972; 0.038 on September 3, 1972; 0.032 on September 4, 1972; 0.027 on September 5, 1972; 0.016 on September 24, 1972; 0.018 on September 25, 1972; 0.120 on September 26, 1972; 0.205 on September 27, 1972; 0.205 on September 28, 1972; 0.219 on September 29, 1972; 0.078 on September 30, 1972; 0.045 on October 1, 1972; 0.048 on October 2, 1972; 0.081 on October 3, 1972; 0.214 on October 4, 1972; 0.099 on October 5, 1972; 0.091 on October 6, 1972; 0.045 on October 7, 1972; 0.154 on October 8, 1972; 0.058 on October 9, 1972. (ii) American Can of Canada Ltd.: 0.013 on August 1, 1975; 0.011 on August 30, 1975; 0.020 on October 24, 1975; 0.066 on October 28, 1975; 0.012 on December 14, 1975; 0.011 on April 26, 1976; 0.031 on May 5, 1976; 0.032 on May 14, 1976; 0.014 on May 15, 1976; 0.093 on May 17, 1976; 0.012 on May 31, 1976; 0.143 on June 4, 1976; 0.052 on June 27, 1976; 0.013 on June 30, 1976; 0.010 on July 18, 1976; and 0.012 on July 21, 1976. (c) Standard Chemicals Ltd. pleaded guilty and was fined \$3,000; the case involving American Can of Canada Ltd. is currently before the courts.

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Question No. 1,294—Mr. Cossitt:

1. How many times since he became a member of the Cabinet has the Minister of State for Science and Technology personally made use of government aircraft and, in each case, what was the (a) purpose (b) point of departure and destination (c) type of aircraft (d) cost to the taxpayer?

2. What was the total cost to the taxpayer of all such trips?

3. What was the number of times an aircraft was used to or from the Peterborough area?

4. Does the government own a King Air aircraft and, if so, how many times was it used by the Minister?

5. Which trips were for (a) personal (b) political (c) government business?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): See replies to Questions No. 29 and 30 answered this day.

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Question No. 1,298—Mr. Cossitt:

1. How many times since he became a member of the Cabinet has the Minister of Labour personally made use of government aircraft and, in each case, what was the (a) purpose (b) point of departure and destination (c) type of aircraft (d) cost to the taxpayer?

2. What was the total cost to the taxpayer of all such trips?

3. Which trips were for (a) personal (b) political (c) government business?