

Order Paper Questions

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—SECURITY DEPOSITS

Question No. 1,996—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Is it the practice of the Department of Supply and Services to hold the three lowest tenders, together with a ten per cent security deposit, until a contract is awarded?

2. How long do the three low tenders, including the two unsuccessful ones, have to wait before refunds are made?

3. To the Department's knowledge, has this practice ever resulted in the reluctance or refusal by potential suppliers to tender?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Security deposits are rarely required. During the past fiscal year (ending March 31, 1975) seven tender calls required security deposits. Normally all security deposits are held until a contract is awarded.

2. When called for in the tender security deposits are held until a contract award.

3. Yes. On rare occasions firms have refused to tender.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF CLOTH

Question No. 2,003—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. Was a contract awarded to Leach Textile Ltd., Huntington, Quebec for 18,000 yards of cloth at \$11 per yard on March 12, 1974?

2. Were tenders requested for the provision of this cloth?

3. What companies tendered and what were their respective prices?

4. Is it a purchasing prerogative to maximize on dollar savings through the purchase of large quantities of goods and, if so, what is such prerogative?

5. How much does a RCMP constable's blue serge trousers cost?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. A contract was awarded March 1, 1974 to Leach Textiles Ltd. for 18,000 yards of 16 oz. wool whipcord, 56 inches wide, at a cost of \$10.72 per yard, f.o.b. destination. The news release was dated March 12, 1974.

2. Yes.

3. Two companies tendered: Leach Textiles Ltd.—\$10.72 yd delivered; Textile Sales Ltd.—\$10.86 yd delivered.

4. It is a departmental objective to work towards minimum PROC (Product, Resource, Operating and Contingency) costs. Where opportunities exist for savings on the purchase of large quantities of goods, this is considered with the other factors to optimize cost vs benefit relationship.

5. The last purchase of RCMP blue serge trousers was for 12,312 pairs at \$15.12 each, inclusive of material, sales tax exempt, delivered to destination. The contract was awarded by competitive tender. The last purchase of blue whipcord trousers was for 2,400 pairs at \$32.50 including cost of fabric. This trouser contract was also awarded by competitive tender.

PUBLIC SERVANTS IN RECEIPT OF \$25,000 OR MORE PER ANNUM

Question No. 2,085—**Mr. Orlikow:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,345, of the 3,307 public servants earning \$25,000 or more per annum, were those in the Research-Scientist field included and, if not, how many are in such classification?

[Mr. Goyer.]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of Treasury Board): Yes.

FRENCH LANGUAGE TEACHERS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES

Question No. 2,133—**Mr. Masniuk:**

1. What is the total number of French language teachers currently employed by the Canadian Government in all countries of Africa under education, aid and assistance programmes?

2. Of this total, how many are teachers in secular Roman Catholic schools and colleges?

3. What is the total cost of salaries paid to the teachers?

Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): In so far as the Canadian International Development Agency is concerned, the reply is as follows: 1. There are 13 teachers of the French language in Africa under CIDA auspices.

2. One.

3. \$196,605 per annum.

PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS

Question No. 2,193—**Mr. Neil:**

Since the passage of the amendments to the Indian Oil and Gas Act (a) how many new petroleum and natural gas leases were entered into (b) how many new oil and gas wells were drilled or are in the process of being drilled?

Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): (a) None. (b) Three.

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, I draw the attention of the parliamentary secretary once again to the fact that question No. 636, which was originally put on the order paper by myself in the last parliament, has still not been answered. This question deals with the Olympics and the executives who are handling the Olympic coins program, particularly their experience in the financial field. I think it is very relevant because the Olympic coins program seems to have gone off the track. I urge the parliamentary secretary, once again, to answer this question.

Mr. Paproski: Now that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) is back from his excursion during which he visited all the various CIDA projects, I wonder if perhaps each week he can answer one or two of the questions standing in my name on the order paper.

Mr. Jelinek: Mr. Speaker, I have never done this before, but I put some written questions on the order paper last October 23 relating to very simple questions regarding the Olympic Games, the number of coins which have been sold to date, and so forth. They are questions Nos. 549 and 551. I would appreciate the government's getting off its seat and answering them.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Today a question was directed to the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Sharp) in the absence of the Minister of State (Fisheries) (Mr. LeBlanc). My point of order is based on the Government Organization Act which defines the Minister of the Environment as the Minister of the Environment and Fisheries. As such, I submit that questions