

MRS. BLUMA APPEL

Question No. 1,851—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Does the Ministry of State for Federal-Provincial Relations maintain a staff who at times visit schools in Ontario to speak to students and, if so (a) how many are on such staff (b) is Mrs. Bluma Appel a member of such staff (c) what subjects are discussed with the students?

2. Did Mrs. Appel visit a school or schools in Smiths Falls, Ontario, and, if so (a) on what dates and what are the names of the schools (b) did she advocate bilingualism in her remarks to the students (c) was she in anyway critical, directly or indirectly, of the Government of Ontario's policies in regard to the Francophone minority in the Province?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): 1. No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable. (c) Not applicable.

2. Mrs. Appel has never visited Smiths Falls in her capacity as Liaison Officer to the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. This question therefore does not fall under the administrative responsibility of the Government of Canada.

STAMPS AND SEALS

Question No. 1,853—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. How many stamps or seals labelled "Top Secret", "Secret", "Confidential", "Most Secret" or in any other classified term, are (a) owned by the government (b) in the possession of each department?

2. What is the lowest ranking official in each department permitted to make use of such stamps or seals and what is his/her job description in layman terms rather than Public Service classification?

3. Are such stamps kept under lock and key at all times and, if not, for what reason?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): 1. This information is not available as classification stamps and seals are commercially manufactured by most engraving companies and sold in most office supplies and stationery stores. Many departments utilize a typewritten classification rather than rubber stamps.

2. Clerks, typists, stenographers, secretaries may use any classification stamp or seal provided they have been properly cleared and are acting under the direction of a person authorized to classify information.

3. No, they do not require special protection.

NATIONAL DEFENCE CONTRACTS

Question No. 1,856—**Mr. Howie:**

With reference to the answer to Question No. 679, in how many cases (a) was the contract put to tender (b) were tenders called by public advertisement in a newspaper?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): In so far as the Department of National Defence and Defence Construction (1951) Ltd. are concerned: (a) and (b) Of the 20 contracts awarded by Defence Construction (1951) Ltd. all were put to tender by public advertisement in a newspaper. In so far as the Department of Supply and Services is concerned: (a) fifty-seven contracts were put to tender. (b) No.

Order Paper Questions

DSS FURNITURE REFINISHING BRANCH

Question No. 1,857—**Mr. Bawden:**

1. Does the Department of Supply and Services operate a furniture refinishing branch for the re-issue of furniture declared surplus and, if so, does the branch make a profit?

2. If the branch does make a profit (a) what was the profit for (i) 1973 (ii) 1974 (iii) 1975 (iv) 1976 (v) 1977 (b) who receives the money?

3. Are such profits shown in government accounts and, if so, where?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as the Department of Supply and Services is concerned: 1. Yes; yes.

2.(a)	(i)	1973/74	\$100,200.00
	(ii)	1974/75	\$183,400.00
	(iii)	1975/76	\$236,100.00
	(iv)	1976/77	\$286,800.00

(b) The supply revolving fund.

CADC—BID EVALUATIONS

Question No. 1,858—**Mr. Bawden:**

1. What procedure is used by Crown Assets Disposal Corporation to relate value of merchandise to be sold with the price accepted?

2. Are bids refused if they are too low and, if so, who authorizes the refusal of such bids?

3. During the period 1973-77, how many bids were refused because they were below market level?

4. For the same period, what was the percentage of such refusals in relation to the total number of sales by the Corporation?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Merchandise is sold if bids received are commensurate with assessed value.

2. Yes. Authorization is delegated to the division or regional director as per internal procedures of the corporation.

3 and 4. To provide an accurate reply would entail a lengthy and costly research, which cost in manpower and time would be exorbitant and prohibitive.

CADC—BILINGUAL POSITIONS

Question No. 1,861—**Mr. Bawden:**

1. Who establishes job descriptions and the requirement for bilingual status in Crown Assets Disposal Corporation?

2. Is there an appeal procedure should employees disagree with the establishment of a bilingual position?

3. How many positions were reclassified as bilingual in (a) 1975 (b) 1976 (c) 1977?

4. How many (a) unilingual (b) bilingual persons have been dismissed or resigned from the Corporation during the 24 months up to and including April 1978?

5. Have only three employees been promoted from within the Corporation during the period 1973-76 when a total of 62 employees were hired from outside during the same period and, if so, for what reason?

6. Is it a policy to hire from outside the Corporation rather than to promote from within?