

REASONS IN CANCELLATION OF PSC COMPETITION
74-AGR-CC-HA-19

Question No. 2,447—**Mr. Lachance:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 2,278, will the Public Service Commission give the reasons why competition 74-AGR-CC-HA-19 was cancelled twice on the grounds of form?

2. Is the Commission considering taking corrective action in the form of selection tests to avoid a repetition of this situation?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Public Service Commission as follows: 1. Competition 74-AGR-CC-HA-19 has not been cancelled. On August 9, 1974, an Appeal Board allowed an appeal against the appointment proposed in the competition. As a result it was necessary to re-assess the candidates and to extend a second right of appeal. Several appeals were subsequently filed and they were allowed on December 17, 1974.

2. The case is currently before the Federal Court of Appeal (Case 75-A-16). Further action in the competition will be determined when the Federal Court issues a ruling on the case.

CBC—FREELANCE NEWSCASTERS

Question No. 2,454—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Since January 1, 1972, what were the names of all persons other than regular CBC news personnel who acted for CBC in the capacity of a freelance newscaster or under any contract as a newscaster (a) what remuneration did each receive (b) from what geographic areas did they report (c) in each case, how many times was their material used on CBC newscasts (d) what was the average fee paid to each per news report?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: It has not been customary to require the CBC to supply such details of its internal management and administration.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

DREE—RESEARCH EXPENDITURES

Question No. 556—**Mr. Symes:**

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?

Return tabled.

Auditor General

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT
MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

Mr. Speaker: Order, It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall)—Social Security—Blind and disabled allowances—Discussions with provinces to alleviate problems of recipients; the hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre (Mr. McKenzie)—Supply and Services—creation of jobs in aerospace industry in Winnipeg—Government action; the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie)—Energy—Fundy tidal power project—Inquiry as to commencement of studies.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—SUGGESTED STRENGTHENING OF
OFFICE OF AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River) moved:

That it is the opinion of this House that it is necessary to declare that the power of the executive has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished; and, in particular, that means must be found by this House to inquire into, prevent, and correct abuses in the expenditure of public money by the Government of Canada, including the immediate passage of laws to strengthen and improve the office of the Auditor General.

He said: Madam Speaker, now that the captains, some of the kings and the movers and shakers of questions of privilege have departed, this is a most attentive audience. Probably the House is at its best when it has a limited but highly intelligent group, as it has on this side. I hope hon. members have listened with care or have read the motion which I put before the House.

Any student of the parliamentary system who may be hidden away in the House would easily recognize the wording used in the motion which I founded on a resolution adopted in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom on April 6, 1780, which reads as follows. Perhaps the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) might advise us on this. But seriously, members on the government side might well listen with care to this motion passed nearly 200 years ago, which reads:

That it is the opinion of this committee, that it is necessary to declare, that the influence of the Crown has increased, is increasing, and ought to be diminished. That it is competent to this House, to examine into and correct, abuses in the expenditure of the civil list revenues, as well as in every other branch of the public revenue, whenever it shall appear expedient to the wisdom of this House so to do.

That is the famous Dunning resolution which was put forward at a time when, as is the case in Canada today, the then government held almost dictatorial powers and engaged in stupid and extravagant expenditures and foreign expeditions. It was just in the process of losing its