

Order Paper Questions

[English]

PETITION

MR. SARGEANT—MAINTENANCE OF CROWSNEST PASS RATES

Mr. Terry Sargeant (Selkirk-Interlake): Madam Speaker, further to the petitions tabled by a number of my colleagues on Wednesday last and on this day, directly following the tabling of the Gilson report on grain freight rates, I am pleased to present petitions of some 834 residents of Manitoba. They are people who were excluded from the consultation process of the Gilson report and who call upon Parliament to maintain the Crow rate. They recognize that changing the Crow rate will reduce farm incomes, contribute to the breaking up of communities on branch lines and increase trucking and road costs. Mindful that three royal commissions have recommended the retention of the Crow rate, they pray that the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin) will heed the message of this timely petition.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 3,539, 3,540, 4,059, 4,072, and 4,226.

[Text]

GRAPHIC ARTISTS, STUDIO S & B

Question No. 3,539—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is a complete list of all business done by any department with Graphic Artists, Studio S & B, 400 St. Antoine St. West, Montreal, including the nature of such business, the dates involved, the subjects involved and the money paid both in each case and in total?

2. Did Graphic Artists, Studio S & B perform government work through any advertising agency, including Vickers and Benson and, if so, what are all the details in this regard?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): In so far as the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is concerned: 1. Studio S & B supplied CMHC with graphic design services, including typesetting and camera-ready art, for the production of a variety of communications materials. This material is designed for use by the corporation to inform members of the housing industry, lenders, home owners, landlords and the general public of its programs and services.

	Amount Spent	
	April 1, 1980 December 31, 1980	January 1, 1981 December 11, 1981
National Housing Act changes	\$118,433	—
Energy Conservation	64,183	\$ 31,430
Canadian Home Insulation Program	51,714	26,014
Metric Conversion	1,192	—
Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program	29,272	24,662
Real Estate Marketing	—	2,981
Corporate Identity Program	—	90,719

Housing Technology Incentives Program	—	2,970
Canada Mortgage renewal plan	—	9,668
Human Resources Centre	—	2,411
Exhibits	—	363
	\$264,794	\$191,218

Total 1980/1981—\$456,012.

2. CMHC did not purchase services from Studio S & B through Vickers and Benson or any other agent during the period April 1, 1980, to December 11, 1981.

In so far as the Department of Supply and Services is concerned: 1. Since April 1, 1980, there have been no contracts placed with Graphic Artists, Studio S & B.

2. Although Graphic Artists, Studio S & B provide graphic services to most advertising agencies in Montreal and, in the past, have provided services to several of these agencies doing work on government campaigns, the details of such subcontracting services are proprietary to the advertising agencies.

In so far as other Departments are concerned: none.

CMHC—ASSISTANCE TO HOME OWNERS

Question No. 3,540—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. With respect to the advertisement ordered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation explaining certain housing provisions in the budget and headed "Attention Homeowners", on what date did CMHC request the advertising firm of Vickers and Benson to book space in newspapers across the country?

2. Is the government aware that Linda Santucci, a representative of Vickers and Benson made telephone calls to certain newspapers including the *Charlottetown Guardian* requesting that the original insertion be not printed?

3. Did the government give Vickers and Benson instructions to "kill" the advertisement and, if so, what are all the reasons that the government would attempt to keep the advertisement from getting into print and specifically, was one of the reasons that someone in government realized that the advertisement was prepared prior to the budget with pre-budget information in the hands of Studio S&B, 400 St. Antoine St. West, Montreal?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): I am informed by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows: 1. November 9, 1981. 2. No. 3. No.

CONTRACTS OF TERM EMPLOYEES

Question No. 4,059—**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):**

1. Did the Department of Employment and Immigration adopt a new policy for the renewal of the contracts of specified term employees and, if so (a) in what way does the policy differ from the previous policy (b) which other departments use this policy at present?

2. Will the effect of the new policy be to require existing term employees to reapply for their positions at the end of their contract and, if so, what will be the impact of this on service to the public and on employee morale?

3. Are any other departments considering adopting a similar policy?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Canada Employment and Immigration Department and the Public Service Commission as follows:

1. No. However, in response to a Public Service Commission directive, national headquarters of this Commission/Department in May of 1981, instructed its regions to take appropriate measures to implement controls on the use of "term" employment. This was done to ensure that "term" employment is not