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PRÉPARER EN ANGLAIS ET EN FRANÇAIS EN INDIQUANT "TEXTE ORIGINAL" OU "TRADUCTION"

QUESTION NO./N° DE LA QUESTION Q-436	BY / DE Mr. Cotler (Mount Royal)	DATE April 1, 2014
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REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF CANADA
RÉPONSE DU MINISTRE DE LA JUSTICE ET
PROCUREUR GÉNÉRAL DU CANADA

Signed by the Honourable Peter MacKay

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QUESTION

With regard to costs and expenses related to appointments to the Supreme Court of Canada: (a) what accounts for the difference in costs between appointment processes; (b) who and what entities submit costs for reimbursement; (c) are any costs rejected for reimbursement and, if so, (i) on what basis, (ii) who makes the determination, (iii) what criteria are used in making the determination; – **See full text of the question attached.**

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(a) The administrative support services were provided by the Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs. The costs and expenses in 2011, 2012 and 2013 were within a similar range with variations due to a multitude of factors including the location of meetings, the need for rental accommodations, the volume of translation services, the urgency of the requests for translations, etc. For the appointment of J. Thomas Cromwell, costs and expenses were lower since the Supreme Court of Canada Selection Committee had fewer meetings and there was no Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee. We are unable to comment on the costs associated with the appointment of J. Marshall Rothstein since most of the expenses incurred, predate the election of this Government.

(b) Translators and Interpreters;
The Executive Director for the Supreme Court of Canada Selection Process;
The Directors of Research;
The constitutional expert appearing before the Ad Hoc Parliamentary Committee to introduce the nominee;
Legal Researchers.

(c) and (d) To the best of our knowledge no costs were rejected. The Office of the Commissioner for Federal Judicial Affairs ensures costs reimbursed are reasonable and within market rates.

(e) (i) to (vii) The categories listed are in keeping with accounting expenditure classifications established by the Receiver General of Canada and defined using government-wide object codes. Please refer to the following link: <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/recgen/pceaf-gwcoa/1415/7-eng.html#sec7.2>

