

The McLeod Group *presents*
its Fourth Annual
BACK TO SCHOOL QUIZ

2) Earlier this year, the Harper Government 'folded' CIDA into DFAIT, creating the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development. It did this because:

- a) It was the only way to cut back on the cost of orange juice
- b) We need foreign policy coherence and will soon fold in defense, natural resources and the environment as well
- c) John Baird wants direct control over the aid budget
- d) John Baird wants direct control over everything
- e) 'Aid' rhymes nicely with 'trade'

2) Why did the Harper government lump the CIDA-DFAIT merger in with the budget bill, C-60?

- a) Because like many other things in the bill, it had nothing to do with money
- b) Because it had everything to do with money
- c) Because it made a lot of cents
- d) Because it had to do with gold, nickel and copper
- e) So the two departments could be nickeled and dimed together

3) Why did CIDA lapse over 13% of its budget last year?

- a) The PMO needed the money for grants to snowmobile clubs in Parry Sound-Muskoka
- b) Then-minister Fantino insisted that all then-CIDA staff travel on points
- c) Too few proposals benefited Canadian industry
- d) Deficit reduction took priority over poverty reduction

4) What contributed most to Canada's diminished international reputation last year?



- a) Foreign Minister Baird's unilingual business cards
- b) Work slowdown at Canadian embassies
- c) Canadian behaviour at international conferences on the environment
- d) Bev Oda
- e) Justin Bieber

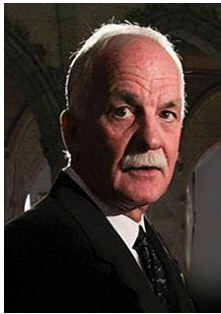


5) WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Peter Kent

- a) Alive and well and writing his own scripts at last
- b) Exploring options in the private sector
- c) Exploring for oil in Alberta
- d) Still back there somewhere in the cabinet
- e) Discovering that climate change is based on credible science



Vic Toews

- a) Scrounging food from dumpsters in Winnipeg
- b) Exploring options in the private sector
- c) Getting tough on crime back in Provencher, Manitoba
- d) Getting tough on polar bears in Churchill
- e) Who cares?



Bev Oda

- a) Doing Roy Orbison impersonations in Las Vegas
- b) Exploring options in the tobacco sector
- c) Demanding results in Durham
- d) Going to Africa as an NGO volunteer; her application is on the Executive Director's desk.

6) Name the Harper government's most bizarre political decision in 2013:



- a) Appointment of Pierre Poilievre as Minister of State for Democratic Reform
- b) Appointment of Bruno Saccomani, Harper's RCMP bodyguard, as Ambassador to Jordan
- c) The PM's claim that Mike Duffy showed 'leadership' in arranging for Nigel Wright to pay his expenses
- d) Providing CIDA funding to a Canadian evangelical organization that described homosexuality as a 'perversion' and a 'sin'
- e) Asking government staff to identify 'enemy stakeholders' for incoming cabinet ministers

7) Examine this photograph taken in Ho Chi Minh City in June 2013. It represents:



- a) An ad for Maple Leaf Bacon
- b) Jason Kenney cracking down on immigration queue jumpers
- c) Jason Kenney encouraging immigration queue jumpers
- d) Incorrect use of the Norway Maple in government products

8) Who said: 'I'll make our government open and transparent, so anyone can ensure that our business is the people's business...'?

- a) Pierre Trudeau
- b) Justin Trudeau
- c) Garry Trudeau
- d) Tommy Douglas
- e) Stephen Harper

(The correct answer is 'e')

9) What does Stephen Harper have in common with Anthony Weiner?



- a) Not what you're thinking
- b) Neither is capable of changing his behaviour
- c) Both think denial is a river in Africa
- d) Both like baseball and hot dogs
- e) All of the above

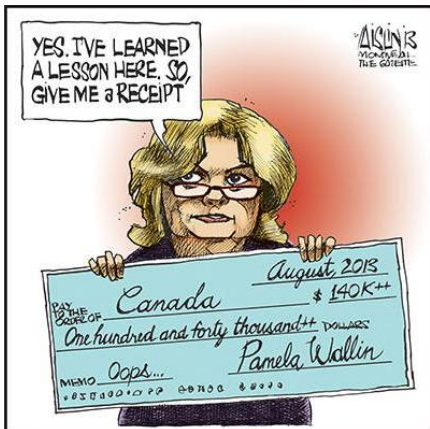


10) What is Canada's 'dignity agenda' all about?

- a) The Harper government's nuanced diplomacy in the Middle East
- b) The Harper government's championing of human rights in trade negotiations
- c) The Harper government's welcome mat for Syrian refugees
- d) The Harper government's partnerships with Canadian mining companies Digging the Nitty-Gritty out of developing countries

11) Why is the Harper government expected to terminate the International Youth Internship Program?

- a) Too few applicants – they're all working in Fort McMurray
- b) Not enough poor countries on CIDA's priority list
- c) High cost, few 'tangible results'
- d) REAL Women objected to young women and men going to Africa on the same plane
- e) What better way for the PM to pay for the Conservative Party paint job on his plane



12) Finding 'evidence-based decision making' in Canada's foreign policy is about as likely as...

- a) Senate reform
- b) Senators getting their expense claims right
- c) Senators winning the Stanley Cup
- d) Mike Duffy meeting Mr. Wright for lunch
- e) Mac Harb being appointed to the House of Lords

13) Canadian diplomats may no longer host dinners of more than eight people without prior approval from Ottawa. Which other new rules have been created recently by the Harper Government?

- a) Germans requiring a Canadian visa must go through the Canadian embassy in Vienna
- b) Japanese requiring a Canadian visa must go through the Canadian embassy in Manila
- c) Danish citizens requiring a Canadian visa must go through the Canadian High Commission in London
- d) Bangladeshi citizens requiring a Canadian visa must go through the Canadian High Commission in Singapore
- e) Africans requiring a Canadian visa can pretty much forget about it

(Answer: all of the above)

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Important announcement

Visa Application Centre (VAC) is now open in Tokyo, Japan! Find out how to submit your temporary resident or permanent resident travel document application through the VAC in [Tokyo](#). For more information on the services provided at VAC please visit the [CIC website](#)

Important message: the Visa and Immigration Section at the Embassy of Canada in Japan (Tokyo) is **closed** and services have been transferred to the **Embassy of Canada in Philippines (Manila)**.

The [Visa Section of the Embassy of Canada to the Philippines](#) is responsible for processing visa applications for citizens and residents of Japan.

14) The Canadian penny was scrapped in 2013 because...



- a) Jim Flaherty ordered the Mint to make no cents
- b) It cost 1.6 cents to produce and the Mint wouldn't share the profit on making a nickel
- c) The Mint thinks only in terms of quarterly profits
- d) Government punmeisters had more cents than sensibility
- e) Next time postage rates go up it will be a nickel instead of two cents

15) Justin Trudeau recently admitted that he had smoked pot and he now advocates legalizing the use of marijuana. Which of the following copycat initiatives are being promoted by other political leaders?

- a) Elizabeth May is planning a bake sale of hash brownies as a fundraiser for the Green Party
- b) Thomas Mulcair is advocating the use of sodium pentothal for all Senators speaking to the media
- c) Daniel Paillé (leader of the Bloc Quebecois, *ed.*) is advocating free valium for all BQ members of parliament
- d) Stephen Harper is asking Justice Minister Peter MacKay to arrest Justin Trudeau

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