



## QUI FINANCE L'ACDA (et sa création la CNCTC)? ... une question qui demeure sans réponses

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### 1) Témoignage devant le Comité sénatorial permanent des Affaires juridiques et constitutionnelles le 2 mai 2013 avec l'Association canadienne des dépanneurs en alimentation (ACDA) et la Coalition nationale contre le tabac de contrebande (CNCTC).

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/content/sen/committee/411%5CLCJC/35EV-50121-f.HTM>

**Senator Cordy:** Does your organization seek funding from the tobacco industry? Do you receive money from the tobacco industry?

**Mr. Rouillard [CNCTC]:** Yes. The tobacco industry participates in the coalition and so it contributes to the kitty, as we say.

**Senator Cordy:** How many executive members of your organization would be from the tobacco industry?

**Mr. Rouillard:** The members of the coalition contribute to a kitty. **They created a coalition and they appointed me, through a public affairs company,** to be their spokesperson and to stand up for the coalition's interests. That is my role. **I do not meet directly with these people.** We propose public awareness campaigns and we appeal to parliamentarians and governments to help fight contraband and make the public aware of the negative impacts of contraband. That is the type of work we do....

**Senator Fraser:** I have one question for each of you. **Mr. Rouillard, what is your total budget and what portion of this budget comes from the tobacco industry?**

**Mr. Rouillard:** **I do not have that information.**

**Senator Fraser:** But you are the director of your organization?

**Mr. Rouillard:** No, I am the spokesperson.

**Senator Fraser:** You are the spokesperson?

**Mr. Rouillard:** Yes.

**Senator Fraser:** **Would you be able to get us that information?**

**Mr. Rouillard:** **Yes.**

*[\* À la dernière vérification en décembre 2013, ces informations n'ont pas été envoyées au Comité sénatorial]*

2) **Témoignage du 3 décembre 2013 devant le Comité permanent de la Justice de la Chambre des communes avec la Coalition nationale contre le tabac de contrebande (CNCTC) :**

[http://cqct.qc.ca/Documents\\_docs/DOCU\\_2013/LOI\\_13\\_12\\_03\\_ComiteJustice\\_Temoignages\\_C10\\_Contrabande.pdf](http://cqct.qc.ca/Documents_docs/DOCU_2013/LOI_13_12_03_ComiteJustice_Temoignages_C10_Contrabande.pdf)

**Hon. John McKay:** Mr. Grant, what do you say to Ms. Doucas's accusation that your group is somewhat compromised?

**Mr. Gary Grant [CNCTC]:** Well, I disagree. The coalition is funded by its members. The members are widely spread across the spectrum. In my view, we're talking about a bill that's going to deal with the criminal activity. I'm a non-smoker, and I discourage smoking, and I think smoking should be eliminated, but in my view, as a police officer, I can recognize the difference between a legal and regulated enterprise and a criminal enterprise, and in my—

**Hon. John McKay:** But you'd have to say that "He who pays the piper calls the tune".

**Mr. Gary Grant:** Yes. Well, in my view, the founding of the committee, in a sense we're here to talk about the crime. The coalition's mission—and I wouldn't be involved with it if it was to sell legal cigarettes—and my mission, as a former police officer and a father of four, is to raise awareness of the negative impacts of the contraband trade on all Canadians. We're victimizing the Canadian taxpayers, hardworking retailers, as we've heard here, and, most significantly, our young people. They're being victimized by organized crime.

**Hon. John McKay:** ...police officer. You've probably been in court. You know that not all witnesses are treated equally and not all witnesses — how should we say it — come with entirely clean hands. So to Senator Fraser's question, which is what's your budget and what portion of it comes from the tobacco industry, are you able to answer that question?

**Mr. Gary Grant:** I'm not able to answer that. What I can tell you—

**Hon. John McKay:** Do you know when you'll be able to answer that?

**Mr. Gary Grant:** What I will tell you is that our funding, the coalition is funded by its members, as I said, but it's on the public record—

**Hon. John McKay:** I understand that, but do you know when you'll be able to answer that question?

**Mr. Gary Grant:** No, I do not. I'm not involved in the—

**Hon. John McKay:** Don't you think you could do it in a day or two?

**Mr. Gary Grant:** I'm not involved. I'd have to talk to the coalition because I'm a paid spokesperson—

**Hon. John McKay:** Why would that be difficult?

**Mr. Gary Grant:** I don't know.

**Hon. John McKay:** Neither do I. I would have thought that your coalition would know quite easily what their budget is and what this contribution.... So if we could get an undertaking, Chair, from the witness and I'll leave it there. I know you to be an honourable man and I'm sure you could

answer that question if that information is [available].

**3) Témoignage l'Imperial Tobacco du 27 août 2013 devant la Commission de la Santé et des services sociaux:** <http://www.assnat.qc.ca/fr/travaux-parlementaires/commissions/csss-40-1/journal-debats/CSSS-130821.html>

**Mme de Santis :** Mais j'aimerais vous poser une autre question. **Est-ce que vous connaissez l'Association canadienne des dépanneurs en alimentation?**

**M. Gagnon (Éric) [Imperial Tobacco]:** Bien sûr.

**Mme de Santis :** **Est-ce que vous les soutenez?**

**M. Gagnon (Éric) :** Soutenez?

**Mme de Santis :** **Est-ce que vous les soutenez financièrement?**

**M. Gagnon (Éric) :** Bien, en fait, l'association... En fait, l'Association des dépanneurs ou en fait tous les dépanneurs, c'est les gens qui permettent de vendre nos produits dans un cadre réglementaire et donc, comme tout partenaire d'affaires, que ce soit à travers la chaîne de production, **c'est des gens avec qui on travaille, tout à fait.**

**Mme de Santis :** **Est-ce que vous soutenez leurs projets spéciaux comme des forums sur la contrebande ou leur autobus de luxe?**

**Le Président (M. Bergman) :** M. Gagnon.

**M. Gagnon (Éric) :** Comme **tout partenaire d'affaires, on supporte des initiatives de nos partenaires.** Il faut comprendre que la contrebande fait perdre 900 millions de dollars à l'industrie du tabac au Canada, donc je pense que, comme toute entreprise qui perd 900 millions de dollars par année, je pense qu'on a le droit, en tant qu'entreprise légale, de pouvoir demander au gouvernement de mettre des règlements et des lois en place qui adressent cet enjeu. Si, aujourd'hui, je n'étais pas l'industrie du tabac, je pense que la contrebande aurait été réglée, ça fait longtemps. Malheureusement, on parle d'un produit nocif et donc c'est un crime qui est accepté par tout le monde à cause qu'on a un produit nocif.