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were: health, five; retirement, nine; personal, 16; other employment, 57; further education, four; marriage or household duties, 16; lay-off, four; leaving Ottawa, two; released, two. It is not in the interests of former employees to make the reason given by each employee for departure publicly known.

3. The nine people who retired, and three who left for health reasons are in receipt of pension.

FILLING OF VACANCIES UNDER QUEEN'S  
PRINTER

**Question No. 1,881—Mr. Herridge:**

Is it government policy not to fill vacancies caused by retirement or resignation from any position under the jurisdiction of the queen's printer?

**Hon. Maurice Lamontagne (Secretary of State):** The answer is no.

CONSTRUCTION OF LOW RENTAL HOUSING  
PROJECTS

**Question No. 1,895—Mr. Latulippe:**

1. How many dwelling units were built with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation subsidies or credits, 75 per cent of which are paid by the federal government for the renewal of slum areas and the construction of low rental housing projects?

2. How many such dwelling units were built (a) in the province of Quebec (b) in the province of Ontario (c) in the constituency of Compton-Frontenac?

3. What was the federal government's share in such projects (a) in the province of Quebec (b) in the province of Ontario (c) in the constituency of Compton-Frontenac?

4. How many dwelling units are being built under the provisions of the same act (a) in the province of Quebec (b) in the province of Ontario (c) in the constituency of Compton-Frontenac?

**Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Postmaster General):**

1. Canada—10,151 total units completed as of July 31, 1964.

2. (a) 796; (b) 6,199; (c) nil.

3. Capital expenditures—federal government share (up to July 31, 1964), (a) \$7,971,-254.08; (b) \$53,001,829.42; (c) see answer to 2(c) above.

4. (a) Nil. (b) 275 units under construction as of July 31, 1964; (c) nil.

Note: The above figures relate to federal-provincial public housing projects built outside redevelopment areas as well as those built within these areas.

ANIMAL EXPOSURE TO EXPERIMENTAL BLAST,  
SUFFIELD STATION

**Question No. 1,900—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):**

1. In the t.n.t. blast experiment at the Suffield experimental station in Alberta on July 17, 1964, were animals exposed to the blast by any research team and, if so, for what purpose?

2. What kinds of animals were used and how many of each kind?

3. How were these animals used or disposed of after the experiment?

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence):** 1. Yes, to take advantage of an opportunity to expose animals, the weights of which bracket the human body weight, in an environment free of nuclear and thermal radiation giving a blast-pulse similar to a kiloton weapon.

2. Twenty sheep, 108 goats and 24 cattle.

3. Observations of effects on the animals were recorded immediately. Any animal with evidence of painful injury was anaesthetized while being examined. Survivors were killed painlessly by intravenous administration of memental. All animals were also studied by post mortem examination. After post mortem examination the carcasses were buried.

VISIT OF CANADIAN STUDENTS TO CUBA

**Question No. 1,901—Mr. Coates:**

1. How many Canadian students were granted visas through the Department of External Affairs to visit Cuba in June, July and August, 1964?

2. To what extent were these visits financed by the government of Cuba?

3. Is there any correspondence, or were there any verbal discussions with representatives of the government of Cuba and with officials of the Department of External Affairs regarding such arrangements?

4. What was the proposed purpose of the visits?

5. What are the names and addresses in Canada of those to whom visas were granted?

**Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. None. Canadian citizens do not require exit visas or permits to leave Canada. The issuance of entry visas if required for the admission of Canadians to another country is the responsibility of the authorities of the country to be visited.

2. Publicity issued by the fair play for Cuba committee indicated that the Cuban government was providing transportation and accommodation for the students.

3. No.

4. The fair play for Cuba committee stated in certain of its publicity material that a purpose of the tour was to permit the students to acquaint themselves with developments in Cuba.

5. Answered by No. 1.

COST OF MENTAL ILLNESS

**Question No. 1,908—Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What is the direct cost of mental illness in Canada for the last year for which figures are available including hospital care, medical care, and medication?

2. What is the indirect cost of mental illness in Canada for the last year for which figures are