Order Paper Questions

VETERANS AFFAIRS—PENSIONS IN EXCESS OF 48 PER CENT

Question No. 521—**Mr. Dick (Supplementary):**

1. What percentage of the veterans receiving a disability pension have been getting more than 48 per cent?

2. How many of that percentage have been called in by the Canadian Pension Commission and had their pension reviewed and increased?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. 19.69 per cent.

2. Statistics on the numbers of veterans called in for pension medical examinations are not kept in accordance with the percentage of disability pensions awarded to the veterans concerned.

SPRUCE BUDWORM CONTROL, NEW BRUNSWICK, 1974-75

Question No. 538—**Mr. Howie:**

To what extent will the government's participation in spraying to control and eradicate the spruce budworm in New Brunswick forests be limited in terms of (a) financial contribution (b) area being sprayed (c) field operations during the spraying season?

Mr. William Rompkey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): (a) The Department of the Environment appropriation in Main Estimates 1974-75, to meet costs for the federal share of funding forest pest control operations in Canada, is $2.6 million (Vote 30). Both Quebec and New Brunswick have applied for financial assistance in 1974. (b) The area treated will be independent of the level of federal financial assistance. It is a provincial decision. (c) The Maritimes Forest Research Centre of the Department of the Environment will, as in past years, carry out pre-control and post-control surveys and provide technical and advisory services during the spraying season.

OFY FUNDS TO CONSTITUENCIES REPRESENTED BY LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Question No. 589—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. For what reason did it take a period of 50 days from September 11, 1973 to October 31, 1973 for the Secretary of State to reply to Question No. 2,671 of the First Session of the 29th Parliament that it was not possible to answer questions as to the total amount of OFY funds allocated in 1972-73 to constituencies represented in the House of Commons by (a) Members of the Liberal Party (b) Members of the Progressive Conservative Party?

2. If a record of OFY funds is not kept according to electoral districts, how was it possible for the Secretary of State to send Members of Parliament representing specific electoral districts copies of all OFY applications received for each individual electoral district?

3. What was the total amount of funds allocated in 1972-73 to constituencies represented in the House of Commons by (a) Members of the Liberal Party (b) Members of the Progressive Conservative Party?

4. What is the name of each Cabinet Minister, the name of the constituency he represents and the total of OFY funds allocated to each such constituency for 1972-73?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): 1. During the period involved, officials of the Secretary of State Department undertook a study to examine ways and means of providing the information requested. The findings of the study were that a new computerized structure would be required to provide information by constituency, and that an inordinate amount of time and expense would be involved in establishing such a structure. For managerial, technical and administrative reasons, the Opportunities for Youth Program and records were built on a regional and subregional basis which did not take into account and did not generally correspond to the actual limits of federal or provincial constituencies. The five regions were Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies and Northwest Territories, and British Columbia and the Yukon.

2. At the urging of a number of Members of Parliament who had indicated a desire to be consulted on submissions from their own constituencies, the office of the Secretary of State at the beginning of the 1973 program undertook to sort the applications as best it could by federal constituencies. The consultation of April, 1973 did not represent an allocation by constituency, but rather a consultation process by which the Secretary of State gathered information prior to making decisions on projects. In view of the fact that the youth applying for projects were not restricted to being from or operating within one constituency, in multiple-riding urban areas more than one constituency was affected by some proposals. Hence, in many cases, more than one Member of Parliament was consulted. This exercise, arising out of the constituency demand, was not reflected in OFY selection records which are classified by region and subregion. This explains why the 600-page report listing Opportunities for Youth projects for 1973 is classified by provinces, municipalities and localities and in alphabetical order. This document enables a reader who is familiar with the limits of a given constituency to establish a list of those projects which were carried out within that constituency.

3 and 4. It is not possible to answer these questions, since the allocation of the funds of the OFY program was done within a framework of regions and subregions, and not within the framework of electoral constituencies.

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QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE RESEARCH EXPENDITURES 1972-73 AND 1973-74

Question No. 283—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date by the Department of National Defence on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?

Return tabled.