

Questions

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** 1, 2, and 3. The table below shows the number and amount of claims submitted by lenders as uncollectable by loan year (1 July-30 June) and by reason for claim.

Loan Year	Death Claims		Default Claims		Total	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
		\$		\$		\$
1964/65.....	1	500	Nil	Nil	1	500
1965/66.....	31	20,690	12	6,751	43	27,441
1966/67.....	64	55,607	157	109,256	221	164,863
1967/68.....	85	93,484	449	210,436	534	303,920
1968/69.....	106	122,133	554	395,709	660	517,842
1969/70.....	148	163,973	1,439	1,495,650	1,587	1,659,623
1970/71 (to 31.12.70).....	71	101,635	1,979	2,151,677	2,050	2,253,312
Total.....	506	558,022	4,590	4,369,501	5,096	4,927,501
Percentage.....	10	11	90	89	100	100

Death claims are written off under the legislation. On default claims, collection action continues in cases where the borrower cannot be located (approximately 60 per cent of default claims) or refuses to co-operate with the lender (approximately 30 per cent of default claims). Some default claims arise due to circumstances beyond the borrower's control. If a borrower's difficulties are the result of such temporary problems as sickness, accident, imprisonment or unemployment, no collection action is undertaken provided the borrower has co-operated with the lender in arriving at a stretched-out repayment schedule (approximately 10 per cent of default claims). If a borrower were to become permanently incapacitated, the claim would be written off. No default claims have yet been written off.

4. A professional collection agency was employed in late 1968 to follow default claims. The table below shows collection made by this agency since that date. The fee for this service is that authorized in the Regulations for payment to lenders for collections made by them (i.e. 20 per cent of the amount of principal and interest recovered).

Loan Year	Amount Collected
1968/69.....	\$ 46,500
1969/70.....	\$ 85,400
1970/71 (to 31.12.70).....	\$209,800

NEWFOUNDLAND—GUARANTEED LOANS, 1971

Question No. 1,071—**Mr. Lundrigan:**

Since the beginning of the 1971 fiscal year (a) how many loans were made in the Province of Newfoundland under (i) the Farm Improvement Loans Act (ii) the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act (iii) the Small Businesses Loans Act (b) what was the amount of each such loan?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Data on numbers and amounts of loans by province under these programs will be published in full in their Annual Reports later this year.

INCOME DERIVED FROM USE OF COMPUTER SERVICES

Question No. 1,091—**Mr. Robinson:**

What income, if any, is derived from the computer services provided by the Department of Transport (a) from other departments (b) from sale or services to industry (c) to provincial government departments (d) to municipalities?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** The following income was derived

by the Ministry of Transport from provided computer services:

	1969/70	1970/71
Other Departments	\$ 62,450	\$ 80,315
Industry	19,000	20,000
Provincial Governments	—	—
Municipalities	—	—
Total:	\$ 81,450	\$100,315

NEWFOUNDLAND—MINERAL EXPLORATION

Question No. 1,118—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. Has the government entered into an agreement with the Province of Newfoundland re mineral exploration?

2. Will the federal government be carrying out any such surveys in the Province of Newfoundland?

3. Will geological surveys with emphasis on industrial minerals, silica, limestone, dolomites, barite, celestite, be carried out with federal government assistance?