

Questions

Old Age Security pension and, if so, how many of such persons are there, and if they are considered as belonging to the various provinces what is the number of each province?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. The following answers are given as of August, 1970:

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	P.Q.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	NWT	Yukon
1.	31,713	12,340	70,854	53,479	401,762	624,977	94,175	92,722	114,557	197,609	808	462
2.	24,938	8,495	42,166	32,093	227,425	252,139	47,777	45,076	57,568	85,490	665	248
3.	19,408	5,394	26,092	21,157	150,077	123,587	25,621	25,344	32,471	46,172	584	203
4.	\$29.64	\$28.09	\$28.96	\$28.25	\$28.45	\$25.01	\$27.82	\$27.35	\$31.53	\$26.92	\$31.83	\$31.18

Average for Canada: \$27.41

5. The figures given in 1. above include persons receiving the Old Age Security pension outside of Canada in August 1970. Some of these persons may be out of Canada permanently, others on a temporary basis. They are considered as belonging to the various provinces, with the numbers for each being as follows:

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	P.Q.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	NWT	Yukon
	86	61	313	279	2,895	5,120	573	502	696	2,889	2	4

Total for Canada: 13,420

The Guaranteed Income Supplement is payable outside of Canada for only six months following departure. No data are available as to the number of pensioners receiving the supplement outside of Canada.

IMMIGRATION APPEALS

Question No. 105—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. How many immigration appeals against deportation are now pending?
2. What action is being taken to alleviate the problem?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. 3,751 as of October 1, 1970.

2. This backlog of appeals pending before the Immigration Appeal Board is largely comprised of people who came here ostensibly as visitors and then applied to remain permanently. Many such applicants are found to be inadmissible as immigrants. When they refuse to leave as requested, it is necessary to order their deportation and the majority of them exercise their right to file appeals with the independent Immigration Appeal Board. The Department and the Board are fully aware of the problems created by this backlog and for some time now have been seeking solutions to them. Mr. Joseph Sedgwick, Q.C. was commissioned to study this matter for the Department and his findings are expected shortly. Numerous remedies have been suggested, including amendments to the Immigration Appeal Board Act itself, as listed in the legislative program of the current session of Parliament.

MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAM—BRITISH COLUMBIA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, BURNABY

Question No. 111—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

Does the Department of Manpower and Immigration pay an amount to the British Columbia Department of Education or the British Columbia Department of Labour for each Manpower-sponsored student at the British Columbia Vocational School in Burnaby and, if so, what amount is paid per student?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes. The Department pays the province for the actual cost of providing training. The following are esti-

[Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre).]

mated costs per training place. Aircraft maintenance, \$1,680; Baking, \$1,540; Academic upgrading, 10, \$1,680; Academic upgrading, 12, \$700; Building service worker, \$140; Cook, general, \$1,540; Commercial general, \$700; Bookkeeping and accounting, \$1,400; Commercial upgrading and advanced options, \$1,680; Court reporting, 1,120; Commercial secretarial, \$1,400; Drafting, mechanical, \$1,400; Drafting, structural, \$1,400; Appliance servicing, phase 1, \$420; Appliance servicing, phase 2, \$700; Electronics technician, \$1,400; Meat processing, \$1,120; Mechanical maintenance and repairs, \$700; Stenotype Operator, \$1,400; Welding, general, \$1,400; Welding, upgrading, \$1,400.

REDESIGNING OF PASSPORTS

Question No. 129—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Can the government indicate what progress has been made on the subject of redesigning such travel documents as the Passport, with a view to utilization of computer techniques particularly in connection with the work being done by ICAO in this field.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Some progress has been made by the ICAO panel established to investigate the feasibility of an improved style of travel document which would incorporate computerized reading techniques. As a panel member, Canada has attended the two meetings that have been held. However, much development work remains to be done. In its deliberations, the panel must take into account such matters as the security and format of the document, materials and production methods, and the costs involved, both to governments and members of the travelling public. The final decision whether such a document is economically feasible will depend on the findings and recommendations of the panel and their ultimate acceptance by ICAO as a recommended standard.