

Questions

Imports of DDT for the Years 1964 to August 1969

Commodity Class 407-87 DDT Technical (Pure DDT)			Commodity Class 418-30 DDT Dust, Solutions & Wettable Powder		
Year	Quantity (cwt.)	Value (\$)	Year	Quantity (cwt.)	Value (\$)
1964	19,526	349,642	1964	5,277	112,936
1965	18,243	305,073	1965	3,633	66,623
1966	21,021	383,141	1966	6,262	115,476
1967	16,074	290,226	1967	5,309	93,931
1968	13,565	234,995	1968	4,708	84,370
1969 (Jan.-Aug.)	9,197	152,411	1969 (Jan.-Aug.)	4,917	90,956

Due to implementation of a new classification, comparable statistics are unavailable prior to 1964.

NUCLEAR RADIATION TESTING PROGRAM

Question No. 574—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the federal government have a program of testing the atmosphere for nuclear radiation and, if not, for what reason and, if so, how many locations are there in Canada, how often are samples taken and what is the permissible levels of fallout and has this level been reached at any time in Canada and, if so, where and what action was taken as a result?

2. Have any studies been carried out in Canada to determine the effects of nuclear fallout on the population and, if so, what are the results and, if not, will such studies be carried out as a preventive measure for protecting Canadians from the effects of nuclear fallout?

3. Have any studies been carried out to determine the effect of Strontium 90 entering adult bodies by food or air and, if not, for what reason and will such studies be carried out and, if so, what were the findings?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The Department of National Health and Welfare has been regularly testing the atmosphere for nuclear radiation since 1958. Samples of air particulates are collected continuously at 24 stations throughout Canada and analysed daily in Ottawa. In assessing the data, the Department of National Health and Welfare is guided by the Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection. These Recommendations identify various "permissible" levels for specific radioisotopes, but nuclear fallout may consist of mixtures of radioisotopes and its "permissible" level varies accordingly. The "permissible" level relates to conditions of continuous exposure and the Commission has recommended that, in practice, the annual average level should be used in health assessments. The annual average at all the Department's stations has remained well below the "permissible" level each year.

2. No direct determination of the effect has been made. For a scientifically valid study, extensive data would be needed on the incidence of various diseases, both in population groups exposed to fallout and in population groups not so exposed. Sufficient data of this kind are not available in Canada.

3. The Department of National Health and Welfare is carrying out a comprehensive program to determine the amounts of Strontium-90 entering adult bodies by food or air but it has not been able to determine directly the effect of Strontium-90 on the incidence of disease for the reason given in answer to question 2.

DESIGNATED REGIONS, NEWFOUNDLAND

Question No. 577—**Mr. Burton:**

1. Did the Government of Canada consult the Government of Newfoundland regarding the selection of designated regions in that Province under the Regional Development Incentives Act and, if so, when and in what manner did the consultations take place?

2. What specific proposal or proposals were placed before the Government of Newfoundland by the Government of Canada?

3. What view was expressed by the Government of Newfoundland regarding the federal proposal?

4. Did the Government of Newfoundland submit any counter-proposals and, if so, what proposals were made?

Mr. Martin P. O'Connell (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Yes, by discussions.

1, 2, 3 and 4. The details of such consultations are confidential matters.

DESIGNATED REGIONS, QUEBEC

Question No. 578—**Mr. Burton:**

1. Did the Government of Canada consult the Government of Quebec regarding the selection of