

Order Paper Questions

*CANADA PENSION PLAN APPLICATION

Question No. 1,700—Mr. Fairweather:

1. Under the Canada Pension Plan, how many cases (a) have not yet received a first decision on eligibility for disability benefits (b) were initially ruled ineligible for disability benefits and are now in some stage of review?

2. How many of the applications on each of these cases were first received (a) less than three months ago (b) between three months and six months ago (c) between six months and one year ago (d) between one and two years ago (e) over two years ago?

The length of time elapsed from the date the appeal was made to:

	The Minister, National Health and Welfare	Review Committee	The Pension Appeals Board
(a) less than 3 months	291 (82 per cent)	91 (76 per cent)	2 (20 per cent)
(b) 3 - 6 months	50 (14 per cent)	23 (19 per cent)	2 (20 per cent)
(c) 6 - 12 months	15 (4 per cent)	6 (5 per cent)	6 (60 per cent)
(d) 12 - 24 months	Nil (0 per cent)	Nil (0 per cent)	Nil (0 per cent)
(e) more than 24 months	Nil (0 per cent)	Nil (0 per cent)	Nil (0 per cent)
Total	356 (100 per cent)	120 (100 per cent)	10 (100 per cent)

SALE OF CANADIAN LANDS

Question No. 1,706—Mr. Nystrom:

1. Is the government aware of an advertisement in the magazine *Outdoor Life*, February 1973, advertising Canadian lands seized and sold for taxes which are being offered for sale in the United States?

2. Since it advertises for sale valuable urban land, river frontage and lake frontage, is it the intention of the government, in consultation with the provinces, to investigate sale of our valuable lands to foreigners?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes.

2. Land sales to foreigners is one of the items proposed for discussion at the next federal-provincial meeting of first ministers.

FROBISHER BAY POST OFFICE

Question No. 1,729—Mr. Firth:

Was a policy announced on March 12, 1973 to the people of Baffin Island and in particular, Pond Inlet, by the Frobisher Bay Post Office, to the effect that C.O.D. mail would be stopped at Frobisher Bay and forwarded to the settlements on receipt of the amount due and, if so (a) on what date was this policy initiated (b) for what reason was it initiated (c) how long will it continue?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): Yes. (a) October 1969; (b) Frobisher Bay is the centralization point for 16 communities in the Northwest Territories. We have had serious difficulty in accounting for C.O.D. transactions at a number of points in our northern area. The Postmaster, therefore was instructed to apply the restrictive measures indicated whenever he experienced difficulty in collecting remittances for C.O.D.'s from one of his dependent offices. Extraordinary precautions were considered necessary in order to protect the department; (c) indefinitely.

[Mr. Breau.]

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, in view of the statistical nature of this response I would ask permission of the House for it to be printed as read.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's note: The answer referred to above follows.]

SECURITY FOR EMBASSIES AND CONSULATES OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Question No. 1,734—Mr. Stewart (Okanagan-Kootenay):

Does the government provide police and/or security service for embassies and consulates of foreign countries and, if so, what was the cost of the service provided during each of the years 1960-72 inclusive?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): In so far as the Department of External Affairs is concerned, yes. The cost for each of the years 1960-72 was: Fiscal Years: 1960-1966, NIL; 1966-67, \$40,736.48; 1967-68, \$31,059.50; 1968-69, \$43,430.00; 1969-70, \$82,696.05; 1970-71, \$180,377.73; 1971-72, \$931,398.97; April 1-December 31, 1972, \$975,000 (estimated).

AVERAGE AGE OF WAR PENSIONERS

Question No. 1,738—Mr. Stewart (Okanagan-Kootenay):

1. What is the average age of war pensioners?
2. How many war pensioners are (a) over 80 years of age (b) 70-79 (c) 60-69 (d) 50-59 (e) 40-49 (f) 30-39 (g) 20-29 (h) under 20 years of age?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. As at December 31, 1972, World War I, 79.16 years; World War II, 57.98 years; Special Force (Korea) 47.59 years; all pensioners, 61.20 years.

2. (a) 9,791; (b) 18,542; (c) 24,822; (d) 58,784; (e) 9,527; (f) 16; (g) None; (h) None.