

STATUS OF PERSONS ON RETRAINING COURSES IN RELATION TO UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Question No. 991—**Mr. Valade:**

Does the Dominion Bureau of Statistics consider persons who take retraining courses as unemployed, and (a) if so, are such persons included in statistics concerning the unemployed (b) if not, under what category are such persons included?

[Translation]

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that: In the labour force survey, persons on training courses are counted as going to school, and hence are not included in the employed or the unemployed totals. This treatment applies to persons who had no labour force activity in the reference week. If a person on training also worked for part of the week, he would be counted as employed.

PUBLIC WORKS—FEDERAL BUILDING OROMOCTO, N.B.

Question No. 1,007—**Mr. MacRae:**

Is it the intention of the government to construct a federal building to house the post office and other federal departments in the Town of Oromocto, New Brunswick?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Consideration is now being given to improving the quality of accommodation for the Post Office Department in Oromocto. No decision has yet been taken as to whether or not a new building will be constructed.

INVESTMENT IN CANADA OF ASSETS HELD BY UNITED STATES INSURANCE COMPANIES TRANSACTING BUSINESS IN CANADA

Question No. 1,051—**Mr. Deakon:**

What percentage of overall funds, held by insurance companies doing business in Canada and having Head offices in the United States, are invested in Canada?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): At the end of 1969 United States insurance companies transacting insurance in Canada held assets in Canada amounting to \$3,105 million. Such assets represented 1.8% of the total assets of such companies. Of the assets held in Canada, more than 99% represent investments in Canada.

CANADIAN ARMED FORCES—RATIO OF PROMOTION

Question No. 1,058—**Mr. Forrestall:**

What is the ratio of promotion in the Armed Forces (with the exception of corporal) between technical tradesmen, operational personnel and administrative personnel?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Promotions are based on a need to fill establishment positions at various rank levels. There is no numerical ratio for promotion between technical tradesmen, operational and administrative personnel as some of the establishment positions may be filled by any of these categories.

Questions

PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX ON EARNINGS DERIVED FROM RACING AND GAMBLING OPERATIONS

Question No. 1,059—**Mr. Robinson:**

Do horse owners and gamblers pay income tax on earnings obtained from racing and gambling operations or games of chance and, if not, will the government consider amending the Income Tax Act?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): Yes, if these activities are of such a character and extent that they constitute a business as distinct from a hobby or pastime.

REVENUE DERIVED FROM SALES TAX ON SPIRITS, ETC. 1970

Question No. 1,067—**Mr. Mather:**

What, in dollars, was the federal revenue from spirits, beer and wine in 1970?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue):
1969-70

Spirits—Matured	\$189,932,723.16
Unmatured	4,800,225.16
Beer	139,353,060.13
Wine	6,990,586.05

In addition, the general sales tax applies to these items but statistics are not available as to the revenue which has resulted from the sale of individual products.

INCOME DERIVED FROM COMPUTER SERVICES

Question No. 1,074—**Mr. Robinson:**

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

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): The Treasury Board Secretariat does not provide computer services to: (a) other departments; (b) industry; (c) provincial government departments; (d) municipalities.

LOANS TO FRANCOPHONE COUNTRIES, 1967-70

Question No. 1,078—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

Have any grants or loans been made available by the Secretary of State to francophone countries during the fiscal years 1967-68, 1968-69 and 1969-70 and, if so, (a) to which countries (b) in what amounts (c) for which projects?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): No.

[English]

P.E.I.—ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIES UNDER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT

Question No. 1,083—**Mr. McQuaid:**

1. How many industries have been established or assisted under the Regional Development Incentives Act in the Province of Prince Edward Island?