

DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AT
BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO

Question No. 2,484—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Who was in charge of the recent disposal of certain medical supplies and equipment maintained at Brockville, Ontario by the Department of National Health and Welfare?
2. Was a truck rented to transport such materials to the Brockville City Dump and, if so, from whom was the truck rented?
3. Is the Department aware that such material was disposed of in such a way that children were able to obtain needles and other equipment not properly destroyed or covered?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Emergency Health Services, Department of National Health and Welfare.

2. Yes, from Ryder Truck Rentals.

3. The material in question was crushed by machinery at the dump, and completely buried by six to ten inches of earth. This procedure was carried out under the supervision of an officer of the Emergency Health Division. There is no doubt in this case that a number of the administration sets, consisting of rubber tubing and an infusion needle, were not properly pulverized, but they were buried. A subsequent inspection by an official of the Department and a public health inspector from Brockville concluded that the material was well buried, not only by earth, but also by new garbage. The Department is aware of the Police Department report wherein a youth from the nearby town of Lyn admitted having dug up a carton containing several administration sets.

HEALTH AND WELFARE—RENTAL OF PREMISES AT R.R.2,
BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO

Question No. 2,485—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Since what date has the Department of National Health and Welfare, been renting premises located at R.R. 2, Brockville, Ontario?
2. From whom are these premises rented and what is the rent paid per month?
3. Does the government have a lease on these premises and, if so, what is the expiry date?
4. Does the government sublet a portion of this building and, if so, to whom and at what monthly rent?
5. What use has the Department of National Health and Welfare been making of this building since rental began?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. September, 1963.

2. Industrial Avenue Realties Ltd., Brockville. Rent is presently \$3,900 per month.

3. Yes. February 1978.

4. Yes, a portion is sublet to the Emergency Measures Organization of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville at \$125 per month.

5. The building is used for the storage of emergency health medical units for distribution as required and for a reserve stock of the national medical stockpile.

Orders for Returns

DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT MAINTAINED FOR
CIVIL EMERGENCY PURPOSES

Question No. 2,486—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Has the Department of National Health and Welfare recently ordered the disposal of certain medical equipment maintained for civil emergency purposes at various depots throughout Canada and, if so, was this because the material was considered unsafe for human use and what tests were taken to determine that this was so?
2. What was the nature of all the equipment disposed of?
3. What was the estimated total value of all supplies or equipment disposed of?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes, the Department of National Health and Welfare, recently disposed of Dextran, a blood plasma expander, and administration sets, which had been purchased for the Emergency Health Program between the years 1959-62. This action resulted from tests taken by the Food and Drug Directorate of the Department which found that the material had been in storage too long and could no longer be recommended for medicinal purposes. (Dextran is a harmless substance which would not be injurious to health even if taken orally).

2. Intravenous Dextran and administration sets.

3. \$550,000.

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT—RESEARCH
EXPENDITURES

Question No. 97—Mr. Nystrom:

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72 by the Department of Transport on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?
2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?
3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?
4. What are the names and addresses of outside persons and organizations who were awarded contracts for research, development and other consulting services in the current fiscal year, what are the amounts of money involved in each case and what is the purpose of each contract?

Return tabled.

WINE LIST AT AIR TERMINALS

Question No. 1,940—Mr. Cossitt:

1. What specific Canadian wines are available in each restaurant operated in air terminals under control of the Department of Transport and, in each case, what is the name of (a) the wine (b) the producer (c) the restaurant and airport at which it is available?
2. Are there any such restaurants that have no Canadian wines available to the travelling public?
3. Has the Department of Transport made any effort towards seeking the co-operation of those operating such restaurants in