

Questions

ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS OF CHINESE

Question No. 1,969—Mr. Bell (Carleton):

2. Of these, how many applications have been processed and how many persons have been (a) granted landed immigrant status (b) refused such status (c) deported?

3. How many persons does the Department of Citizenship and Immigration now estimate are present in Canada who entered as visitors, overstayed their entitlement and have not yet applied for landed immigrant status?

4. Has the department established the new documentation system forecast by the minister on July 8, 1966?

5. If so, what, in detail, is its nature?

6. If not, when may action be anticipated?

7. Have the other improvements been made "in the internal methods of the department" forecast then by the minister been achieved?

8. If so, what, in detail, is the nature of such improvements?

9. If not, when may action be anticipated?

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):

1. 4,531 applied between the date of the minister's announcement on July 8, 1966, and the cut off date of August 15, 1966. A further 21,085 had applied before the minister's announcement, bringing to 25,616 the total number of applicants for landed immigrant status.

2. The department is proceeding with these applications as rapidly as possible and all are in various stages of processing. As of October 31, 1966, 962 persons have been landed; statistics have not been maintained on the numbers refused admission except in the case of those persons who have been deported and there have been 31 of these.

3. No accurate estimate is possible. However, it is thought that most of the visitors who were in Canada before July 8, and who wished to remain permanently, took advantage of the opportunities offered in the statement made by the minister.

4-6. The new documentation system has been designed and transportation companies and other agencies concerned are being consulted with a view to ensuring maximum control with minimum inconvenience to the travelling public. The department will implement the new system as soon as the necessary consultations and arrangements are complete.

7-9. Some of the improvements already are in effect. Development of others is progressing. Basically, they relate to the establishment and staffing of new enforcement and intelligence units in the Immigration Division, thereby providing the department with greater capability in the detection and apprehension of illegal entrants.

1. How many adjustment statements by persons of Chinese origin have been (a) filed (b) processed, in each of the years 1962 to date?

2. Of such adjustment statements so processed, have any been found subsequently to be inaccurate and, if so, how many for each year?

3. Does the Department of Manpower and Immigration have any estimates of the number of persons of Chinese origin now in Canada whose status is not adjusted in accordance with the simplified procedure announced on November 16, 1962, and, if so, what is that estimate?

4. What action is proposed by the department to adjust the status of such persons at the earliest possible date?

Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):

	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
1. (a)	517	1144	3194	3661	1182
(b)	90	1875	2397	4132	1439

Note: A further 635 statements were filed and 29 were processed in 1960 and 1961.

2. Yes. No statistics on the number involved have been maintained but it is estimated that a fairly significant proportion of all original statements contained inaccuracies which required subsequent clarification.

3. It is not possible to estimate the number of persons now in Canada whose status should be adjusted but who have not as yet applied for an adjustment.

4. Each case must be considered individually when an adjustment statement is filed. Qualified interpreters and experienced immigration officers at the major centres across Canada are able to process about 150 adjustment statements a month. The remaining small backlog of applications should be disposed of by next spring. Persons who come within the terms of this program and who wish to file a statement should not, therefore, be deterred by the expectation of a long delay in the adjustment of their status.

***TAX RECEIPTS CREDITED TO OLD AGE SECURITY FUND**

Question No. 2,069—Mr. Knowles:

1. What is the total amount collected by way of personal income tax for old age security, sales tax for old age security and corporation income tax for old age security, and credited to the Old Age Security Fund, during the period from April 1, 1963, to August 31, 1966?

2. What is the total amount paid out in pensions under the Old Age Security Act during the period from April 1, 1963, to August 31, 1966?