

Questions

INCOME TAX PAID BY SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS

Question No. 595—Mr. Thomson:

What was the income tax paid by Saskatchewan farmers in 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968 and 1969?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of National Revenue): The annual analysis of tax returns which is based on a statistical sample indicates the following amounts of total tax payable by Saskatchewan farmers. The figure includes federal income and old age security tax and provincial income tax payable:

Taxation year	Total tax payable
1965	\$27,040,000
1966	28,914,000
1967	36,645,000
1968	27,704,000
1969	Not available

Source: Taxation Statistics, editions of 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970—Table 9.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—MAN-HOURS SAVED AS A RESULT OF UTILIZATION OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 597—Mr. Robinson:

How many man-hours have been saved as a result of the utilization of computers by the Department of External Affairs during each year since computers have been used?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): There have been no direct man-hours saved as a result of the utilization of computers by the Department of External Affairs. The use of computers has provided reports which either would not have been available at all, or which would not have been sufficiently current to be effective, if other methods had been used to prepare them.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—CHANGE IN PERSONNEL AS A RESULT OF USE OF COMPUTERS

Question No. 598—Mr. Robinson:

As a result of the use of computers by the Department of External Affairs, how many employees have been (a) laid off (b) hired?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Department of External Affairs has neither laid off nor hired employees as a result of the use of computers by the Department.

STRONTIUM-90 LEVEL IN CANADA

Question No. 609—Mr. Forrestall:

By region in Canada, what was the strontium-90 level at the end of September 1960, 1965 and 1970?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The strontium-90 level in Canada, as measured by its level in milk, was as follows:

[Mr. Corbin.]

Picocuries of Strontium-90
per Litre of Milk
Sept. '60 Sept. '65 Sept. '70

British Columbia	10.8	20.0	9.0
Prairie Provinces	8.6	20.5	8.7
Ontario	4.2	20.2	9.7
Quebec	13.3	20.0	9.6
Maritime Provinces	11.6	28.2	13.8
Newfoundland	no test	40.4	30.5

PUBLIC WORKS—BUILDING CONSTRUCTION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Question No. 612—Mr. Korchinski:

1. At what locations were Public Works buildings constructed in the Province of Saskatchewan in 1970?
2. What was the type of structure and the cost in each case?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): 1 and 2.

Location	Type of Structure	Cost
Bienfait	Post Office	\$33,000
Fort Qu'Appelle	Federal Building	88,500
Govan	Federal Building	28,400
Kenaston	Post Office	28,600
Kisbey	Post Office	24,145
Tisdale	Federal Building	180,000
Wynyard	Federal Building	141,200

FEDERAL GRANT TO NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

Question No. 618—Mr. Thomson:

1. Has the grant to the National Cancer Institute been reduced and, if so, for what reason?
2. What are the government's plans for this grant this coming year?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes, federal assistance from the National Health Grant to the National Cancer Institute was reduced from \$350,000 for the fiscal year 1969-70 to \$250,000 in 1970-71. The National Health Grant is intended to support short-term projects (applied research, demonstration and training) designed to stimulate and develop improvements in health services. Support for individual projects normally does not exceed a period of three years. This grant is not intended to provide annual blocks of funds in support of continuing activities.

2. The "block grant" to the National Cancer Institute from the National Health Grant will be further reduced in 1971-72 for the reason stated above. However, the N.C.I. or research investigators supported by N.C.I. may submit applications for support on a project basis under the National Health Grant, the Public Health Research Grant, or to the Medical Research Council. Thus, the reduction in assistance from the National Health Grant need not represent a reduction in the level of government fund available for cancer research, but rather re-