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their skills and abilities; (b) a Women's Programme Co-ordinator be appointed to each federal government department, Crown Corporation and agency, to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Forces, and to the staff of the Senate and the House of Commons to promote within the organization the objectives of the Women's Programme and to maintain liaison with the Secretariat; (c) the federal government organizations referred to above be required to give periodic progress reports to the Women's Programme Secretariat of objectives undertaken; and (d) an annual report be tabled in Parliament on the progress being made in the federal Government Service toward the objectives of the Women's Programme?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): This recommendation has been effectively implemented by the following actions: (a) the establishment in the Public Service Commission of the Office of Equal Opportunities for Women whose responsibility it is to stimulate and facilitate career opportunities for women in the Public Service and to maintain a watching brief on equal opportunities for women in the employment policies, practices and procedures of the service. (b) A number of departments and agencies have appointed officers with the responsibility of promoting equal opportunity for women within their departments or agencies. In addition an interdepartmental committee has been established with representatives from 30 departments to co-ordinate activities in this regard. (c) Departmental representatives on the Interdepartmental Committee present quarterly reports on activities within their departments; (d) The annual report of the Public Service Commission includes a section on the Office of Equal Opportunities for Women outlining the progress being made by that office.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—SURVEY OF USE OF
HOMEWORKERS

Question No. 340—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the Canada Department of Labour conduct a survey of the use of homeworkers, including handicraft workers, their wages and their other conditions of employment.

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): The Department of Labour in its 1972 Survey of Wages and Working Conditions in Canadian Industry asked two questions concerning the use of homeworkers by Canadian industry. Preliminary tabulations of data on these questions are expected about the end of March 1973.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—ADMITTANCE TO
MILITARY COLLEGES

Question No. 341—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that women as well as men be admitted to the military colleges operated by the Department of National Defence?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): It is assumed that the intent of this recommendation is to ensure equality of opportunity for young female applicants who wish to become officers in the Canadian Armed Forces, and that they should have the same opportunity for subsidized training as the cadets at military colleges. Although the military colleges are considered to

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be a prime source of combat ready career officers, their graduates in fact comprise less than 20 per cent of the annual officer production. Students attending civilian universities under the Regular Officer Training Plan (ROTP) are subsidized to the same degree as are students at the military colleges. Due to the lack of facilities and unsuitability of the type of training available at the military colleges, women are now given equal consideration for subsidized training at civilian universities under the Regular Officers Training Program, the Medical Officers Training Program, the Dental Officers Program, the University Training Plan for Men and the University Training Plan for Officers. The opening of these plans to female applicants is viewed as a means of providing equality in terms of career development.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—RECOMMENDATION
THAT GOVERNMENT PROVIDE SPECIAL FUNDS FOR
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Question No. 342—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government provide special funds for young women and men to acquire university education, such as is provided for young men who attend military college, leading to a degree in fields designated to be of special interest for aid to developing areas, the terms to include commitment to some specified national or international service?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): No special program of this type has been established.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—SEX-TYPING OF
OCCUPATIONS

Question No. 343—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government set up committees to review all government publications concerned with the choice of occupations and careers in order to select and use only publications that encourage women to consider all occupations, including those which have been traditionally restricted to men?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Although no committees have been established, all positions are now advertised as open to both men and women. In addition see answer to question 390.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—CAREER
INFORMATION SERVICES AT CANADA MANPOWER
CENTRES

Question No. 344—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that (a) the federal government in co-operation with the provinces and territories set up a career information service in each local Canada Manpower Centre which would (i) include personnel specially trained to give information to women on occupations, training requirements, financial help available, and labour market conditions and needs, and (ii) insist on the importance of a broad field of occupational choice for girls; and (b) subject to consultation and agreement with the educational authorities, this career information service be offered to all schools of the area?