

## Order Paper Questions

Area	1971	1972	1973	1974
Nova Scotia	6	11	12	12
New Brunswick	7	7	7	7
Quebec	16	23	31	27
Ontario	48	104	108	108
Manitoba	4	9	9	9
Saskatchewan	8	10	10	10
Alberta	18	23	23	24
British Columbia	29	50	51	52
Yukon	1	1	1	1

## NUMBER OF REPEAT ABORTIONS

## Question No. 3,088—Mr. Robinson:

How many women in Canada have had more than one abortion at the taxpayers expense?

**Mr. Marcel Roy (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada reports the following: Detailed data on repeat therapeutic abortions are not yet available for 1974. Data for 1972 and 1973 are available through the individual case reporting system. In 1972, in reports from six provinces and the Yukon (excluding Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia) there were a total of 413 repeat abortions out of a total of 6,382 abortions reported. In 1973, in reports from eight provinces and the Yukon (excluding Ontario and British Columbia) there were a total of 591 repeat therapeutic abortions out of a total of 11,249 abortions reported. As therapeutic abortion has been considered a required medical service by provincial departments of health, payment for this service would fall within the terms of the shared federal-provincial Health Insurance program.

## Province of Residence by Number of Previous Spontaneous and Induced Abortions, Canada, 1972 and 1973

Item	All Areas	New-found-land	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Manitoba	Sas-katche-wan	Alberta	Yukon
1972										
Total cases reported	6,382	133	45	—	183	—	1,178	1,043	3,752	48
Previous spontaneous Abortions										
0	5,397	121	40	—	170	—	868	964	3,389	45
1	328	10	2	—	7	—	47	48	214	—
2	100	—	1	—	4	—	16	15	61	8
More than 2	91	2	2	—	2	—	15	14	56	—
Unknown	266	—	—	—	—	—	232	2	32	—
Previous induced Abortions										
0	5,969	131	45	—	176	—	917	1,022	3,632	46
1	138	2	—	—	6	—	27	18	83	2
2	7	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—
More than 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	268	—	—	—	1	—	232	3	32	—
	413									
1973										
Total cases reported	11,249	193	41	932	341	3,141	1,259	1,219	4,047	76
Previous spontaneous Abortions										
0	10,161	166	37	873	304	2,725	1,160	1,084	3,749	63
1	656	12	3	33	20	286	51	55	184	12
2	181	3	1	8	5	74	13	17	60	—
More than 2	132	3	—	8	5	54	14	13	34	1
Unknown	119	9	—	10	7	2	21	50	20	—
Previous induced abortions										
0	10,658	178	40	898	328	2,094	1,199	1,147	3,897	67
1	430	6	1	21	4	208	35	22	124	9
2	35	—	—	3	1	20	3	—	8	—
More than 2	10	—	—	—	—	8	1	—	1	—
Unknown	116	9	—	10	8	1	21	50	17	—
	591									

[Mr. Roy (Laval).]