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2. (a) Medical emergencies. (b) Veterans for treatment of pensioned disabilities. (c) Persons whose treatment is the statutory responsibility of other departments of the federal government, such as serving members of R.C.M.P. (d) Treatment of various categories of veterans for non-pensioned disabilities, eligibility usually being determined by their type of service and financial circumstances.

3. They were included in the group described in 2(d).

4. Yes. They have the highest priority in the group described in 2(d).

5. Sections 18, 19 and 21.

6. Patients treated under the sections listed in 5 do not have priority of admission over veterans requiring hospitalization for treatment of their pensioned disability. The priority for the admission of any patient for active treatment is determined by the attending medical staff of the hospital within the limitations established by the governor in council.

7. No.

8. Sections 17, 20 and 24.

9. Facilities available in D.V.A. hospitals include arts and crafts, auditorium, canteen, and patients' library. The only treatment peculiar to D.V.A. hospitals is that provided

in a special centre for the treatment of paraplegics at Queen Mary veterans hospital, Montreal.

10. None.

11. All entitled veterans have been admitted in accordance with their medical need. Emergencies are admitted immediately and elective and chronic cases are admitted as beds become available. No record is kept of the number of non-entitled veterans who are refused admission.

COST OF SERVICES TO INDIANS

Question No. 293—Mr. Orlikow:

What were the costs for the last fiscal year to the federal government of services to Indians for health, welfare, education and economic development?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State): I am informed by the departments of National Health and Welfare and Indian Affairs and Northern Development as follows:

The expenditures for Indian health services for the fiscal year 1966-67 are:

*Administration, operation and maintenance	\$22,200,000
Capital	2,100,000
Total expenditure	<u>\$24,300,000</u>
Revenue	<u>4,200,000</u>
Net costs	<u><u>\$20,100,000</u></u>

*This does not include approximately \$2,500,000, directorate administration costs. The costs of services to Indians for the fiscal year 1966-67 are:

Welfare*	\$31,420,317
Education	\$52,262,632
Economic development	\$5,541,864

As the final accounting reports have not yet been issued, these are approximate figures only.

*Welfare—1966-67.

Welfare assistance	\$19,163,918
Repairs to houses	903,938
Construction of houses	8,459,584
Grants to bands	448,762
Expo '67	772,348
Other and community development	1,671,767
Total	<u>\$31,420,317</u>