

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

R.C.A.F. PILOT TRAINING COSTS

Question No. 355—Mr. Argue:

What was the approximate cost of training a pilot for the Royal Canadian Air Force in (a) 1940; (b) 1950; (c) 1960?

Answer by: Mr. Egan Chambers (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence):

The approximate costs of training a pilot to "wings" standard in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1940, 1950 and 1960 are estimated as follows:

(a) \$32,000. In 1940 pilots were trained and paid as airmen and graduated as sergeant pilots or pilot officers. The initial and operating costs of the types of aircraft then in use were considerably lower than in subsequent years.

(b) \$51,000. In 1950 pilots were trained and paid as flight cadets. The initial and operating costs of aircraft had risen sharply over war-time costs.

(c) \$80,000. In 1960 pilots are still trained to "wings" standard as flight cadets but jet training has been added. The initial and operating costs of high performance jet aircraft are much greater than the costs of aircraft used in 1950 and the training is more complex.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROSECUTIONS

*Question No. 362—Mr. Hicks:**Supply—Items Passed*

1. Were any prosecutions recorded during the last year by the unemployment insurance commission in respect to unemployment insurance frauds? If so, how many in each province?

2. How much money was recovered by the unemployment insurance commission from recipients who were found out to be not entitled to benefits?

Answer by: Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour):

1. There were 1,979 prosecutions completed by the unemployment insurance commission during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1960 in respect to unemployment insurance frauds. There are no figures available by provinces, but the regional figures are as follows: Atlantic region, 269; Quebec region, 756; Ontario region, 552; Prairie region, 201; Pacific region, 201.

2. Money recovered from claimants not entitled to benefits amounted to \$2,008,165.65.

[The following items were passed in committee of supply]:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research branch—

5. Branch administration including an amount of \$166,610 for grants in aid of agricultural research in universities and other scientific organizations in Canada, \$1,856,156.

Institutes, stations, farms, laboratories and services—

6. Operation and maintenance, \$21,945,838.

7. Construction or acquisition of buildings, works, land and equipment, \$6,470,910.

Production and marketing branch—

8. Branch administration including contributions to agricultural organizations to assist in the marketing of agricultural products, subject to the approval of treasury board, \$908,741.

9. Agricultural products board administration, \$10,000.