

## Questions

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING  
MOTORCYCLES

## Question No. 558—Mr. Mather:

1. What percentage of motorcycle drivers are involved in traffic accidents?
2. In what age group of motorcyclists does the largest number of accidents occur?
3. What are the comparable figures for car drivers?

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that: 1. No statistical data is collected on the percentage of motorcycle drivers involved in traffic accidents. The number of motorcycle drivers has not been established. However, in 1968 there were 140,287 motorcycles registered in Canada and preliminary figures show that 9,263 motorcycles were involved in accidents.

2. No statistical data is collected on the age group of motorcyclists accounting for the largest number of accidents. However, preliminary figures for 1968 indicate that the greatest number of victims from motorcycle accidents are in the age group of 15-19 years. Excluding Quebec, where comparable figures are not available, the number of motorcycle drivers and passengers killed, according to 1968 preliminary figures are:

Age Group	Drivers	Passengers
0-14	3	0
15-19	54	9
20 & over	42	9
Total	99	18

Additionally in 1968 preliminary figures show the number of motorcycle drivers and motorcycle passengers injured in traffic accidents, excluding Quebec figures which are not shown in this number because they only use two age groups, 16 years and under and 17 years and over, are as follows:

0-14	210	92
15-19	2,223	542
20 & over	1,481	209
Total	3,914	843

3. No statistical data is collected on the percentage of car drivers involved in traffic accidents. This information is complicated by the number of repeaters, that is those drivers who have more than one accident during the year. However, in 1968 there were 6,159,573 passenger cars registered in Canada and preliminary figures on motor vehicle accidents indicate that 740,041 passenger cars were involved in traffic accidents. Figures for 1968 show that the greatest number of drivers killed in motor vehicle accidents are in the

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age group 20-24 years—320 drivers out of a total of 1,440, excepting the province of Quebec for reasons outlined above. The numbers, by age groups, of drivers killed, with the exception of the Province of Quebec, are as follows:

Age Group	Number of drivers killed
0-14	2
15-19	173
20-24	320
25-34	264
35-44	230
45-54	201
55-64	132
65 & over	113
Not Stated	5
Total	1,440

FISHERIES—PRECAUTIONS AGAINST HARM  
FROM OIL DRILLING

## Question No. 559—Mr. Comeau:

1. Is the government taking precautions as recommended by the Fisheries Council to prevent harm to fisheries resulting from oil drilling work?
2. What consideration is the government giving to this recommendation?
3. Is the Department of Fisheries and Forestry supervising the oil drilling operation off the coast of Nova Scotia to ensure that no oil leaks into the water?

**Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry):** 1. Yes.

2. The Department of Fisheries and Forestry has kept close liaison with other involved government departments since oil exploration began off Canadian shores to ensure that effective control is exercised. Drilling proposals and procedures on Pacific and Atlantic continental shelf areas have been rigorously regulated by the Resource Administration Division of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources who maintain an expert office and field staff for the purpose. Similarly, the Department of Fisheries and Forestry will continue existing liaison with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development with respect to drilling operations off the Northwest Territories.

The Department of Fisheries and Forestry continues to work closely with Department of Transport on the control of oil pollution from ships, and is also active on committees responsible for planning to deal with large oil spills in Canadian waters.

3. No.