

Questions

5. Only one study (Demand and Supply) is outstanding. Completion date is uncertain.

EMIGRATION OF CANADIAN DOCTORS
TO THE UNITED STATES

Question No. 247—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. Was the statement of the Minister of National Health and Welfare that Canada would lose doctors to the United States of the government exerted pressure to lower doctors' fees based on a study done for the government and, if so, is the government prepared to table the study?

2. Has the government discussed with the United States the possibility of joint action to lower doctors' fees and, if so, what has been the response?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. No.

2. No.

DAIRY INDUSTRY—SUBSIDIES PAID
TO DAIRY PRODUCERS

Question No. 250—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

1. What is the amount of the subsidy paid by the Canadian Dairy Commission to commercial milk producers between April 1, 1969 and August 31, 1969?

2. What amount was deducted from the subsidy for export duty during the same period?

3. What amount was deducted from the subsidy by virtue of the .52¢ per 100 lb. tax for production exceeding quotas?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Net subsidy payments to milk and cream shippers, after deductions of holdbacks for export equalization costs, covering deliveries reported for the months of April to August, inclusive, totalled \$44,350,000.

2. Deductions for export equalization costs on account of deliveries during the period were \$13,022,000.

3. Deductions by virtue of the 52 cent hold-back on milk deliveries in excess of quota are not recorded separately.

AIR POLLUTION—AUTOMOTIVE CONTROLS

Question No. 253—**Mr. Salisman:**

1. Has the Combines Investigation Branch of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs undertaken an investigation in Canada to determine whether the four leading auto manufacturers have been conspiring for over a decade to delay the development and use of devices to control automotive air pollution and, if so, what are the results of this investigation and what action is contemplated?

2. If no investigation has been undertaken, what are the reasons?

[Mr. Olson.]

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. The Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act is aware of the proceedings in the United States. In accordance with the usual practice, any information of this nature coming to the attention of the Director is carefully considered to determine whether he has reason to believe there has been an offence against the Act so as to warrant formal inquiry. The practice is, however, that no information is given out as to whether an inquiry is being pursued with respect to a particular group of companies unless and until a report is published or proceedings are instituted in the Courts.

2. See answer to 1.

INVESTIGATION INTO PRICE FIXING BY
NEWSPRINT COMPANIES

Question No. 254—**Mr. Saltsman:**

Is the Combines Investigation Branch undertaking an investigation into the recent announced identical price increases on newsprint to determine possible price fixing among the newsprint companies and, if so, what are the results of this investigation and what action is contemplated?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): It is the policy of the Director of Investigation and Research under the Combines Investigation Act to scrutinize all significant price movements which come to his attention and he is charged with the responsibility of initiating an investigation whenever he has reason to believe there has been no offence against the Act. It is the practice, however, that no information is given out as to whether an inquiry is being pursued with respect to a particular group of companies or individuals unless and until a report is published.

EQUIPMENT, DEFENCE AND COASTGUARD
SHIPS AIDING FISHERIES DEPARTMENT
FLEET

Question No. 271—**Mr. Crouse:**

Will the ships from National Defence and the Coast Guard to be used in aid of the Department of Fisheries and Forestry fleet be supplied with the technical equipment that Fisheries Department boats now carry?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Transport as follows: Consolida-