

2. See 1.

UIC—BENEFIT CONTROL INVESTIGATIONS

Question No. 83—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. In 1975, did benefit control officers of the Unemployment Insurance Commission in the Ontario Region complete 180,124 investigations of claims and, if not, how many were completed?

2. In the same period, of the claims investigated, were there 107,303 disentanglements, for various reasons and, if so (a) did disentanglements represent approximately 58 per cent of all claims investigated in that period in the Ontario Region (b) does this indicate any possibility that the percentage figure of all improper claims, investigated or otherwise, would be approximately 58 per cent of all claims made in 1975 in the Ontario Region?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. Two hundred one thousand six hundred ninety-three investigations were completed.

2. One hundred fourteen thousand five hundred ninety-seven disqualifications and disentanglements were imposed. (a) This represents 56 per cent of cases completed. (b) No, it only indicates that 56 per cent of those cases completed resulted in either a disqualification or disentanglement.

UIC—BENEFIT CONTROL INVESTIGATIONS

Question No. 85—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Between January 1 and April 30, 1976, did benefit control officers of the Unemployment Insurance Commission in the Ontario Region complete 78,353 investigations of claims and, if not, how many were completed?

2. In the same period, of the claims investigated, were there 41,235 disentanglements for various reasons and, if so (a) did disentanglements represent approximately 52 per cent of all claims investigated in that period in the Ontario Region (b) does this indicate any possibility that the percentage figure of all improper claims, investigated or otherwise, would be approximately 52 per cent of all claims made during this period of time in the Ontario Region?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. No, 84,395 investigations were completed. An additional 4,928 cases of Post Audit were completed by benefit control support staff.

2. No, 44,516 disqualifications and disentanglements (D/D) were imposed. 3,968 D/D's were imposed on the Post Audit cases. (a) The D/D's represented 52 per cent and 80 per cent respectively of cases completed. (b) No. It only indicates that 52 per cent and 80 per cent respectively of those cases completed resulted in a D/D.

UIC—C. L. R. GRAY'S MEMORANDUM

Question No. 88—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did Mr. C. L. R. Gray, Director, Legal Services of the Department of Justice for the Unemployment Insurance Commission, Ontario Region, write a memorandum dated August 13, 1975 to Mr. D. Brown, Regional Director of UIC for Ontario, on the subject of a UIC employee named Bernadette Pelletier and, if so, did the document deal with alleged falsification of an Application for Benefit by Ghislain Gareau on the part of Bernadette Pelletier?

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2. Did Mr. Gareau receive more benefits than he was entitled to receive and, if so, has this overpayment been recovered and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, on what date?

3. Did Mr. Gray's memorandum state in part "We cannot prosecute the claimant unless we call Bernadette Pelletier as a witness. If we do that, she will testify that she made the "X" and that Ghislain Gareau did not know she made the "X". I suggest you do not want to have Bernadette Pelletier appear in court as a UIC witness who would probably declare the whole mess in public" and, if so (a) was Bernadette Pelletier prosecuted and, if not, for what reason (b) what is the exact meaning of the words "whole mess"?

4. Is the memorandum an indication that the Department of Justice has a policy of advising the UIC against prosecuting its own employees who break the law in order that the public will not become aware of "the whole mess" and, if so (a) on what date was such policy established and by whom (b) was Bernadette Pelletier (i) dismissed by UIC and, if so, on what date (ii) transferred to another job within UIC and, if so, to what job and on what date?

5. How many employees of the UIC have been prosecuted for infractions of the law pertaining to UIC in each of the past four calendar years?

6. Are any figures available as to how many occasions the Department of Justice may have recommended that prosecutions against UIC employees should not take place for reasons that "the whole mess in public" would be undesirable?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. Yes.

2. No. He received no benefit. (a) N/A. (b) N/A.

3. Yes. (a) No. Success of prosecution under the Criminal code or U.I. Act was doubtful. (b) The expression "whole mess" referred to the circumstances surrounding the suspected attempted defalcation of funds by Bernadette Pelletier.

4. No. (a) N/A. (b) (i) No. N/A. (ii) No. N/A.

5. 1973, 2; 1974, 0; 1975, 4; 1976, 2.

6. Yes. There are none, other than the case referred to above.

UIC—SPECIAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

Question No. 89—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What is the total amount of all expenses including salaries of the Special Investigation Division of the Unemployment Insurance Commission from the date of its establishment to the date of its abolition?

2. What was the date of its (a) establishment (b) abolition?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. The expenses for the Special Investigation Division were paid out of the total of the Benefit Control activity and cannot be identified separately.

2. (a) April 16, 1973. (b) April 30, 1975.

UIC—MEMORANDUM ENTITLED "RESTRICTION ON INVOLVEMENT IN CERTAIN CLAUSES"

Question No. 90—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Was a memorandum circulated to all employees of the Unemployment Insurance Commission across Canada entitled "Restriction on Involvement in Certain Claims" and, if so, was this decision made at the May meeting of the UIC executive?

2. Was the memorandum dated June 30, 1976, sent to various offices in the Province of Ontario, signed by Mr. B. L. Murphy, Area Personnel Adviser?