

3. Province	Retired Personnel	Widows
Newfoundland	39	3
Prince Edward Island	21	Nil
Nova Scotia	193	13
New Brunswick	78	7
Quebec	184	8
Ontario	521	63
Manitoba	122	12
Saskatchewan	148	8
Alberta	332	28
British Columbia	685	90
Northwest Territories	23	1
Outside Canada	74	11

4. One hundred and five, average \$26.69.

SPECIFIC ROLES ASSIGNED TO CFB SHEARWATER

Question No. 82—**Mr. Forrestall:**

During the next three years, what are the specific roles assigned to CFB Shearwater?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): At the present time, and for the foreseeable future, the role of the Canadian Forces Base Shearwater is to provide base and airfield facilities for both fixed wing and rotary wing anti-submarine aircraft, as well as facilities for training and utility squadrons. Shearwater is also used as an alternate airfield for the long range Maritime patrol aircraft operating from CFBs Summerside and Greenwood and as a terminus for Transport Command service flights.

MARITIME COMMAND—REPLACEMENT FOR ARGUS AIRCRAFT

Question No. 124—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Has the government decided on the choice of equipment to replace or augment the role of the Argus Maritime Patrol aircraft and, if so, when can an announcement be expected?
2. On the basis of present technological information, what is the anticipated (a) air-frame life of the Argus (b) engine life of the Argus (c) efficient useful life of electronic equipment?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): 1. No.

2. (a) The predicted life of the Argus airframe was 11,000 hrs. However, the airframe is a fail-safe or damage tolerant structure which makes the risk of catastrophic failure of the primary structure remote. Thus the airframe life is determined by the economics of maintenance. The manufacturer has stated that appearance of cracks in the primary structure should not occur before 15,000 hrs. At the present flying rate all Argus aircraft in the fleet will have flown 15,000 hrs or more by 1975-77. (b) There is no specified life for the Argus engine. Therefore, the engine life will be determined by the economy of maintenance and the acceptability of the operational performance of the aircraft. (c) This information is classified.

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SEARCH AND RESCUE—WEST COAST

Question No. 147—**Mr. Mather:**

What is the present force of ships, boats and aircraft on the Pacific Coast for air-sea rescue efforts?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Three Buffalo aircraft, three Labrador helicopter, three 95-foot cutters, three 40-foot cutters, and three life-boats are established on the Pacific Coast for primary search and rescue duties. In addition, all other Canadian Forces aircraft and Federal Government vessels in the area may be called upon for search and rescue tasks when required.

AMOUNT OF UNION DUES SUPPORTING POLITICAL PARTIES

Question No. 165—**Mr. Robinson:**

Does the government have statistics on the amount of union dues directly or indirectly used to support political parties and, if so, for each year 1965 to 1970 inclusive, how much has been so allotted to each political party?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): No.

LEGISLATION TO OUTLAW PYRAMID SELLING SCHEMES

Question No. 198—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government consider the advisability of legislation to outlaw "pyramid selling" schemes of every nature and kind such as those cosmetics, household commodities, food products, supplements and land?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Careful attention will be given to this proposal in the preparation of amendments to the Combines Investigation Act which are presently being considered.

FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION BY GOVERNMENT IN LOTBINIÈRE CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 243—**Mr. Fortin:**

For each project to which the federal government has contributed financially since 1965 in the constituency of Lotbinière (a) what was the nature of the project (b) what was the amount invested by the federal government in each project (c) what was the amount invested by the provincial government in each project (d) were other contributions made and, if so, by whom and what was the amount?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): It is not feasible to provide aggregate information on expenditure disbursements or revenue collections for constituencies, counties or other comparable units. Government estimates are not prepared on this basis nor are records of expenditures kept in this way.

Information concerning expenditures could be supplied about specific projects or programs which are identified in a question. These, of course, would in some cases relate to a particular constituency or locality.