

Order Paper Questions

2. Collins Bay Institution, one; British Columbia Penitentiary, one.

NUMBER OF SUICIDES IN FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTIONS, 1973

Question No. 640—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

1. How many suicides were reported at federal penal institutions in 1973?
2. How many at each institution?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): 1. Eleven.

2. Federal Training Centre, two; St. Vincent de Paul, one; Regional Medical Centre (Ontario), one; Mountain Prison, one; Saskatchewan, four; Regional Medical Centre (Quebec), one; Archambault, one.

PRACTICE RELATING TO CORRESPONDENCE WITH TAIWAN

Question No. 704—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Does the Department of External Affairs refuse to permit, or discourage in any way whatsoever, departments from corresponding on any kind of government letterhead when seeking information of any kind from Taiwan and, if so, who made such a decision and for what reason?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Secretary of State for External Affairs is responsible for the conduct of Canada's foreign relations and, through his Department, for official communications with foreign governments. As for Taiwan, the Canadian Government does not recognize the régime in question. The Department of External Affairs would not, therefore, approve any official communications between any department of the Canadian Government and the régime on Taiwan, and would not normally engage in such communications itself. This is in conformity with generally accepted international practice.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR RESEARCH INTO IMPROVED METHODS OF ADJUDICATING LABOUR DISPUTES

Question No. 707—**Mr. Howie:**

1. What are the terms of reference of any studies or research now under way by the Department of Labour into new and improved methods of adjudicating labour disputes as an alternative to strike action?
2. What are the names of those conducting the studies or research?
3. Are any of these people from outside of the Department of Labour and, if so, what are their qualifications to act in this capacity?
4. On what date did any such studies begin and on what date is an interim or final report anticipated?
5. Will such a report be made public?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): 1. There are no terms of reference as such. Departmental officials, through internal studies and discussions with labour and management, are exploring methods of impasse resolution in labour disputes other than strike and confrontation methods.

2. Research and discussions are being carried out by departmental officials.

3. N/A

4. Research of this nature is a continuing effort within the department, but studies of experimental negotiations

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and discussions with labour and management were accelerated following the railway strike.

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AVERAGE AGE OF DISABILITY PENSIONERS

Question No. 730—**Mr. Atkey:**

1. What is the average age of pensioners from (a) World War I (b) World War II?
2. How many war pensioners are (a) over 80 (b) 70-79 (c) 60-69 (d) 50-59 (e) 40-49 (f) 30-39 (g) 20-29 (h) under 20 years of age?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. As at March 31, 1974: (a) 80.7; (b) 58.8.

	World War I	World War II	Special Force Korea	Regular Force Peacetime
2.				
(a)	8,971	1,271	—	23
(b)	7,755	8,831	4	76
(c)	—	27,201	99	341
(d)	—	58,189	522	1,216
(e)	—	3,967	1,447	1,502
(f)	—	—	—	686
(g)	—	—	—	133
(h)	—	—	—	1

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QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR ADVERTISING CONTRACTS

Question No. 104—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. What are the names and addresses of all advertising agencies used by the Department of Labour since the present Minister assumed his portfolio?
2. (a) What are the amounts of all advertising contracts given such agencies during this period of time, what are the dates such contracts were awarded and in each case, were tenders or competitive presentations of any kind requested and, if not, who authorized in each case the expenditure of public funds without such tenders or competitive presentations (b) in each case, what was the general subject matter of the advertising contract?
3. What are the names and addresses of all advertising agencies used by the Department of Labour during the term of the Minister's immediate predecessor and if any of these agencies has not been used since then, for what reason and on whose decision were changes made?

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR PUBLICITY EXPENDITURES

Question No. 251—**Mr. Nystrom:**

1. What were the amounts of money spent by the Department of Labour on publicity and/or information in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 to date?
2. What were the names and addresses of firms and individuals who received these contracts, what amounts of money were spent in each case and what was the purpose of each contract?
3. In the case of expenditures for publicity and/or information made within the Department by its publicity or information division, what was the amount in each case and the purpose of the expenditure?

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