

1, 1978, to December 31, 1979, indicate a total forgiveness of \$8,981,695 for Rural RRAP and approximately \$211,656 under on-reserve RRAP for the same period.

(b) Under the Emergency Repair Program, \$35,000 was granted to New Brunswick during 1978 for the improvement of existing housing. During 1979, \$15,000 was allocated to New Brunswick, however these funds were not used. For 1980, \$15,000 has been allocated to New Brunswick but there is no indication yet as to whether these funds will be used.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

Question No. 664—**Mr. Howie:**

Does the Department of Regional Economic Expansion, in investigating applications submitted under the DREE program for assistance, make allowance for facilities to undertake research and development projects and, if so, since December 1978 to date, how many applications for assistance from the Atlantic region have included specifications for research and development facilities?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): The reply for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: the Regional Development Incentives Act (RDIA) enables the department to offer incentive grants to eligible manufacturing and processing operations. Projects which are solely of a research and development nature are not eligible for RDIA incentive grants but may be eligible for a loan guarantee under RDIA. No applications for loan guarantees for research and development facilities have been received in the Atlantic region since December, 1978.

Some applications for RDIA incentive grants could provide for research and development facilities as an integral part of the manufacturing or processing operation. The department does not compile statistics on applications involving an element of research and development.

SISMANS OF CANADA LTD.—GRANTS

Question No. 671—**Mr. Nystrom:**

In the fiscal year 1979-80, did Sismans of Canada Ltd. apply for federal grants and, if so (a) on what dates (b) on what dates were they approved and (i) in what amounts (ii) what amounts have been disbursed to date?

Mr. D. M. Collenette (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): In so far as the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the Department of Employment and Immigration are concerned: no. However, Sismans of Canada applied for contributions under the Canada Manpower Industrial Training Program.

(a) Date of application	(b) Date of approval	(i) Amount of application	(ii) Amount disbursed
(1) October 27, 1978	December 15, 1978	\$1,797.00	\$ 148.79
(2) August 10, 1979	August 24, 1979	\$1,464.00	\$1,262.40
(3) August 10, 1979	August 24, 1979	\$2,709.00	\$1,927.80
(4) October 29, 1979	December 3, 1979	\$2,759.00	\$1,883.30

In so far as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is concerned: in the fiscal year 1979/80, Sismans of

Canada Ltd. did not apply for federal grants under the department's programs.

In 1977, however, the company applied for and received a grant of \$14,616 for consulting assistance to conduct an operational audit under the Footwear and Tanning Industries Adjustment Program. The grant was disbursed in the fiscal year 1978/79.

In so far as the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is concerned: No.

CARIBOU AND REINDEER ANTLER EXPORTS

Question No. 682—**Mr. Nickerson:**

What was the quantity and value of caribou and reindeer antler exports during the last year for which figures are available and was the material exported in the raw or in processed form?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): Statistics Canada reports the following: separate statistics are not compiled by Statistics Canada on exports of caribou and reindeer antlers. When in the raw, all exports shipments are recorded with a wide assortment of similar products in a general classification entitled "Crude animal and fish products, inedible, not elsewhere specified". If processed or mounted, shipments are also recorded in a basket class "Antiques and collectors' items, not elsewhere specified" and separate figures are not available.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CONTRACTS

Question No. 702—**Mr. Clarke:**

1. For the fiscal year 1978-79, how many contracts were let by the Department of Public Works for professional services, to persons who at any time within the past five years, had been employed in indeterminate positions under the Public Service Commission?

2. How many contracts were (a) for less than one year (b) for one to two years (c) over two years?

3. How many contracts were let outside the National Capital Region?

4. What was the total cost of all such contracts?

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Public Works Canada records do not indicate whether or not persons to whom contracts are let were previously employed by the Public Service Commission. We do, however, have information on former Public Works Canada employees who have been contracted as consultants.

1. Public Works Canada let eight consultant contracts to former employees.

2. The duration of the contracts was as follows:

(a) Less than one year—six

(b) One—Two years—two.

(c) Over two years—None

3. There were two contracts let outside the National Capital Region.

4. Total expenditures for these contracts were \$42,603.00.