

Questions

costs—interest and amortization of funded capital maintenance and municipal services. Atomic Energy of Canada Limited has no commercial premises at Deep River.

DIRECTIVES TO ATOMIC ENERGY LTD.  
ON WAGE RATES

Question No. 1,265—**Mr. Schreyer:**

Has the government of Canada ever issued any directives to Atomic Energy of Canada, Limited, regarding wage rates to be paid by it to any of its staff or prevailing rate employees and, if so, when and for what reason?

**Mr. Jack Davis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys):**  
No.

HALIFAX—TIME OFF FOR NATAL  
DAY CELEBRATIONS

Question No. 1,269—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. Is it intended to grant any time off for hourly paid employees of the Department of National Defence establishments in the metropolitan Halifax-Dartmouth area on the occasion of Natal Day celebrations in that area?

2. If not, will consideration be given to this matter?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Associate Minister of National Defence):** 1 and 2. No. Natal days are not authorized holidays with pay for prevailing rate employees. However, prevailing rate employees wishing to celebrate these occasions may use annual leave credits if available or take leave without pay.

HOG PRICES

Question No. 1,273—**Mr. Laulippe:**

1. Has there been a drop or has there been an exaggerated market fluctuation recently in the price of hogs and, if so, does the government intend to take measures to stabilize prices?

2. What was the price paid for hogs for each month in the last two years?

3. What is the percentage of increase or decrease in the price paid for hogs for each month in the last two years?

**Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Agriculture):**  
1. Yes. There has been a drop from the very high level of February 1966. However, March prices were still about 133 per cent of 1964 prices.

Hog prices in North America are tied quite closely to marketings in the U.S.A. Canadian prices through 1964 and the first quarter of 1965 were quite steady as demonstrated in the table below. With reduced marketings,

prices steadily rose from \$27.94 in April 1965, to a peak of \$43.19 in February 1966. In March 1966, marketings and slaughter in both Canada and the United States increased considerably, resulting in a price drop to \$36.12.

The Agricultural Stabilization Act provides for the stabilization of hog prices and the government intends to continue to utilize this legislation.

2 and 3. Table on the average monthly price of Grade "A" hogs at Toronto showing the increase or the decrease of price from previous month:

Year	Month	Average price grade "A" hogs per cwt. Toronto* \$	Price increase or decrease vs. previous month %
1964	January	26.85	+2.7
	February	27.61	-6.5
	March	25.92	-2.0
	April	25.38	
	May	26.40	+3.9
	June	29.08	+9.2
	July	28.41	-2.4
	August	28.10	-1.1
	September	28.24	+0.5
	October	27.13	-4.1
	November	27.12	Even
	December	27.63	+1.8

Year	Month	Average price grade "A" hogs per cwt. Toronto* \$	Price increase or decrease vs. previous month %
1965	January	27.44	-0.7
	February	28.23	+2.8
	March	27.80	-1.5
	April	27.94	+0.5
	May	30.46	+8.3
	June	34.81	+12.5
	July	36.24	+3.9
	August	36.66	+1.1
	September	36.88	+0.6
	October	35.90	-2.7
	November	37.58	+4.5
	December	41.64	+9.8
1966	January	42.73	+2.5
	February	43.19	+1.1
	March	36.12	-19.6

\* Source—Livestock and Meat Trade Reports, Department of Agriculture.