- 3. The Annuities Branch responds to requests and inquiries in accordance with the legislation and attempts to do so in the most efficient manner possible.
- 4. (a) The interest rate was last changed by the Government Annuities Improvement Act, assented to on December 20, 1975 but retroactive to April 1, 1975.
- (b) The interest rate has been reviewed twice since 1975. In both cases, the government decided that no increase in the rate of return would be allowed. The reasons for the decision were explained to the House at the time (*Hansard*, at p. 2230 on June 18, 1980 and at pp. 10972 and 10973 on June 25, 1981).
- 5. As stated in the reply to question No. 2, only certain group annuity certificates are transferable.
 - (a) Yes
 - (b) Yes
 - (c) No
 - (d) No
 - (i) and (ii) All of the above are governed by section 17 of the government annuities regulations.
- 6. If the holder of a Canadian Government Annuity contract (or group certificate) could transfer the funds supporting that contract to another insurer, the value of the annuity to which he would then become intitled would depend upon the rate of return paid by the other insurer, the actuarial basis on which that insurer worked, and the number of years to maturity of the contract at the time of transfer. Depending upon the type of contract, it is possible, in present money market conditions, that the amount of annuity paid would increase.

Such transfers, were they to be allowed, would be charges to the government annuities account within the Consolidated Revenue Fund. At this time, the replacement of such funds would result in increased costs to the taxpayers of Canada.

CIDA JOINT VENTURES

Question No. 3,318—Mr. Fretz:

- 1. How many joint ventures of the Canadian International Development Agency's industrial co-operation project were entered into with (a) Canadian companies and, in each case, which company (b) state companies and, in each case, which company (c) individual countries and, by continent, which countries?
- 2. Since the beginning of the project, how many studies on trade and socio-economic conditions were conducted and, in each case (a) by which consulting firm (b) in which country?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs):

1. (a) Twenty-eight.

Reliable Toy Limited

DU-AL Blocks Limited

McMillan Bloedel Limited

B.C. Packers Limited

Canada Wire and Cable/Les Câbles Canada

Microsystems International Limited

Order Paper Questions

Inserven Canada Inc.

Récupération Val-Argent (RVA) Ltée

Connaught Laboratories Limited

Seajay Management Enterprises Limited

Crestwood Kitchens

Petro-Sun Inc. (Thermo-Solar Division)

Donson Engineering Limited

Carrhart Overseas Limited

Sabre Saw Chain Limited

King Grain Limited

Okanagan Helicopters Limited

Electrohome Limited/Limitée

Agrodev Canada Inc.

Seadev International Limited

Don Bere Limited

Canidad (International) Limited

Seacan Development Limited

Shawinigan Engineering Company Limited

Systemhouse Limited

Citra-Mix Limited

Dykins Industries Limited

Hargrave Security Service Canada Limited

- (b) None.
- (c) Twenty-two.

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Morocco Jamaica
Nigeria Panama

Panama St. Kitts

Asia Trinidad and Tobago

India Indonesia Iran Pakistan

Philippines Malaysia Singapore

Thailand

2. Fourteen.

(a) Company
Dr. Michel Seruya

(b) Country Bolivia/Ecuador

ICSG/MCS*

Indonesia