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## HEALTH—VIETNAMESE REFUGEES—HEPATITIS B VIRUS

Question No. 383—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Minister of National Health and Welfare aware of a bulletin issued by the Canadian Dental Association claiming that up to 7,000 of the 50,000 Vietnamese refugees being admitted to Canada are carriers of Hepatitis B Virus and that (a) the Canadian Dental Association has advised its members not to treat any of these people unless they have been tested to see if they carry such virus (b) provincial governments have been requested by the Canadian Dental Association to establish specific dental units for treatment of Hepatitis B Virus in major populated centres (c) Hepatitis B Virus is extremely dangerous and quite different from Hepatitis A Virus, normally found in Canada?

2. (a) What is the policy of the government on this matter (b) has the minister discussed it with provincial departments of health (c) what action has the department taken, if any, or is prepared to take?

**Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare):**

1. Yes, the minister is aware of the bulletin issued by the Canadian Dental Association claiming that 7,000 of the proposed 50,000 Indo-Chinese refugees may be carriers of hepatitis B virus.

- (a) The minister has decided that all Indo-Chinese refugees arriving in this country will be tested for hepatitis B virus by the Canadian Red Cross blood transfusion service.
- (b) The results of the tests carried out by the Canadian Red Cross laboratories will be forwarded to the appropriate provincial department of health within five to seven days of the blood specimens being taken.
- (c) Although advice given to the department by experts has in general been reassuring respecting the potential risk of hepatitis B virus, a further program of testing of hepatitis B virus among the arrivals from Southeast Asia is being carried out by the department to establish the parameters of the problem and the most appropriate manner of dealing with it.

2. As mentioned, the policy at the present time is to carry out tests on all immigrants;

- (b) The department has discussed this matter with all provincial departments of health who had been invited to meetings of an expert committee on refugee health problems over the past two months;
- (c) The department, as mentioned, is prepared to take tests on all refugees of all age groups and the results of these tests will be made available to the provincial departments of health concerned.

## HEALTH AND WELFARE—GRANTS TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION

Question No. 387—**Mr. Mitges:**

1. For the fiscal year ended March 31 (a) 1973 (b) 1974 (c) 1975 (d) 1976 (e) 1977 (f) 1978 (g) 1979, did the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada apply for a grant to the Department of National Health and Welfare and, if so, for what amount?

2. For each year, was the application approved and, if so, in what amount?

[Mr. Nielsen.]

**Hon. David Crombie (Minister of National Health and Welfare):**

1.	Yes Amount requested	2. Yes Amount granted
(a) 1972-73	\$ 500,000.00	\$500,000.00
(b) 1973-74	547,479.00	457,500.00
(c) 1974-75	600,000.00	600,000.00
(d) 1975-76	600,000.00	600,000.00
(e) 1976-77	1,314,464.98	600,000.00
(f) 1977-78	1,105,844.66	600,000.00
(g) 1978-79	973,209.00	600,000.00

## AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES

Question No. 401—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. (a) In each of the past four years, how many "near misses" or what is commonly referred to in Air Traffic Services lexicon as "losses of separation between aircraft" have occurred between Air Canada aircraft and other aircraft (i) in Canadian airspace (ii) elsewhere (b) what was the location of each occurrence and what was the identity of the other aircraft involved?

2. In which cases were investigations conducted and what (a) were the results (b) action, if any, was taken?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):**

1. (a) (i)	Year	Losses of Separation
	1978 —	6
	1977 —	6
	1976 —	8
	1975 —	11
(a) (ii)	Formal records for situations outside of Canadian airspace are not maintained.	
(b)	Location	Other Aircraft
Case 78-1	Near Fredericton, N.B.	Laker Airways Flt. 42
Case 78-2	Near St. John, N.B.	Canadian Civil C-FAZI
Case 78-3	Vicinity of Quebec Airport	Canadian Civil C-GTRC
Case 78-4	Vicinity of Quebec Airport	Quebecair Flt. 155
Case 78-5	Near Cold Lake, Alta.	Pan American Flt. 122
Case 78-6	Northeast of Vancouver, B.C.	Canadian Military call sign RAM 153
Case 77-1	Near Sept-Iles P.Q.	American Navy 00JFN
Case 77-2	Atlantic Ocean (SCAD Fix)	Royal Dutch Airlines Flt. 691
Case 77-3	Near Greenwood, N.S.	Military Airlift Command 40644
Case 77-4	Near Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario	Canadian Pacific Flt. 80
Case 77-5	Near Sioux Narrows	Air Canada Flt. 161
Case 77-6	East of Winnipeg, Man.	Lufthansa Flt. 452
Case 76-1	East of Sept-Iles, P.Q.	Northern Wings Flt. 911
Case 76-2	East of Millinocket, Maine	Trans Mediterranean Flt. 313
Case 76-3	East of Hudson Heights, P.Q.	Air Canada Flt. 793
Case 76-4	Vicinity of Mirabel Airport, P.Q.	Scandinavian Flt. 941
Case 76-5	East of Toronto, Ont.	Canadian Pacific Flt. 64
Case 76-6	East of North Bay, Ont.	Canadian Pacific Flt. 66