

Questions

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

The following answers, deposited with the Clerk of the house, are printed in the official report of debates pursuant to standing order 39:

NARCOTIC DRUG CONVICTIONS

Question No. 165—Mr. Howard:

1. What is the present inmate population in each of the penal institutions operated under the jurisdiction of the federal government, and, how many of the present inmates in each of the said institutions: (a) were convicted of the offence of the possession of narcotics in pursuance of the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act; (b) were convicted of the offence of trafficking pursuant to the said act; (c) are known to have a record of drug addiction?

2. Of those inmates who were convicted of offences under the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, how many are under sentence for: (a) first time; (b) second time; (c) third time; (d) fourth time; (e) fifth time; (f) sixth time or more?

Answer by: Hon. E. D. Fulton (Minister of Justice):

1. (a), (b) and (c):

Institution	Population as on Oct. 31, 1957	(a) (b) (c)		
		(a)	(b)	(c)
Dorchester	559	3	3	10
Federal training centre	329	0	0	0
St. Vincent de Paul	1118	10	7	22
Kingston (males) (incl. Joyceville)	924	42	33	59
(females)	79	33	22	53
Collin's Bay	426	1	1	1
Manitoba	384	17	6	28
Saskatchewan	550	17	5	14
British Columbia	677	108	76	174
Newfoundland	33	0	0	0
Total	5079	231	153	361

2. (a) First time in penitentiary 228; (b) second time in penitentiary 81; (c) third time in penitentiary 31; (d) fourth time in penitentiary 9; (e) fifth time in penitentiary 5; (f) sixth time or more in penitentiary 1.

LOW COST HOUSING—LUMBERMEN'S BRIEF

Question No. 236—Mr. Robichaud:

1. Has the Minister of Public Works received a brief submitted by the national retail lumbermen's council of Canada suggesting certain amendments to the regulations or requirements of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation having to do with the construction of low cost houses?

2. If so, what actions have been taken by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to implement the recommendations or suggestions contained in the said brief?

Answer by: Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):

1. Yes.

2. The brief submitted by the national retail lumbermen's council of Canada offered four proposals relating to the financing of low cost housing. Three of these proposals conform with the corporation's present lending policy and the suggested techniques are now used where circumstances are appropriate. The fourth proposal would involve a new principle generally known as the open end mortgage. This technique has been tried outside of Canada and has not met with any degree of success. The proposal would require an amendment to the National Housing Act, 1954, and possible amendments to provincial legislation. The type of mortgage proposed involves the approval of a higher loan than that required during the first construction stage. This technique is difficult of implementation because lenders are reluctant to make future commitments at current interest rates. The open end mortgage technique has been considered, and is still being studied.

CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

Question No. 251—Mr. Holowach:

1. Since its inception, what moneys have been borrowed or appropriated for the operation of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation?

2. Has the corporation repaid any of these amounts?

3. If so, to what source and how much in (a) principal; (b) interest?

4. What were administrative expenditures of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation since its period of operation?

5. Are operational costs borne by insurance premiums on loans?

6. What were the total of mortgage loans approved (a) by provinces; (b) in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa?

7. Were grants made to any of the above cities for housing development? If so, in which city and in what amount?

8. What construction of dwelling units were completed during 1954, 1955, 1956 and to date in 1957?

9. What reserves and cash assets have piled up during years of operation?

10. How many Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation insured mortgages have been foreclosed?

11. What were combined losses on these foreclosures (a) homes; (b) rentals?

Answer by: Hon. Howard C. Green (Minister of Public Works):

1. Since its inception, January 1, 1946, to November 30, 1957, Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation has borrowed the following amounts from the government of Canada, under statutory or parliamentary appropriations.