

Questions

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO HANSARD

Question No. 1,647—**Mr. Caouette:**

In each province, how many persons at the present time receive *Hansard* (a) in English (b) in French?

[Translation]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Defence Production):

Province	English	French
Quebec	1,250	1,992
Ontario	6,456	533
Manitoba	820	11
Saskatchewan	688	6
Alberta	1,092	8
British Columbia	1,471	8
New Brunswick	361	67
Nova Scotia	658	5
Prince Edward Island	133	—
North West Territories	34	2
Yukon Territory	26	—
Newfoundland	214	—

[English]

UNCOLLECTABLE STUDENT LOANS

Question No. 1,675—**Mr. Hales:**

1. How many student loans have been returned to the federal government from chartered banks as uncollectable from the inception of the Canada Student Loans Plan?

2. For what amounts are these loans?

3. Did the government use the services of a professional collection agency in attempting to collect those loans listed as uncollectable?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):

1. Under section 8 of the Canada Student Loans Act, a borrower's obligation is extinguished in the event of his death whereupon it becomes payable by the government on the borrower's behalf. Since the inception of the Plan to December 31, 1968, 246 claims were paid under section 8. These claims are not recoverable from the estates of deceased borrowers.

Under section 9 of the Act the government is required to reimburse a bank against loss incurred in connection with loans in default. Since inception to December 31, 1968, 861 claims were paid under this provision, including 321 in respect of costs not chargeable to the borrowers.

2. Death Claims, \$137,358; Costs Only Claims, \$21,633; Principal Claims, \$567,138; Total, \$726,129.

3. Where a claim is paid to a lender under section 9 in respect of principal and interest, the borrower's obligations are then owed to the Crown. Where the borrower's address

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is known, the lender which made the loan continues to make collection efforts on behalf of the government. In cases where borrowers cannot be located by the lenders (some 250 cases), the accounts have been given to a professional collection agency on an experimental basis.

REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Question No. 1,678—**Mr. Mather:**

How many representations, opposing the "non-profit publications" postal rate increase, have been received by the government from churches, associations, trade unions and co-ops?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Postmaster General):

In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned, 164.

INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT

Question No. 1,679—**Mr. Mather:**

What, in dollars, is the daily interest cost of the federal public debt?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): During the fiscal year 1967-68, the average daily interest cost of the federal public debt was \$3,479,359.63.

*INDIANS—GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER OF HOSTELS

Question No. 1,683—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. Does the government propose to take over the complete management of all Indian residences and hostels across Canada outside of the Northwest Territories?

2. If so, were the Indian tribes or bands affected thereby consulted on this drastic move?

3. Will the result be that henceforth Indian children in residence, whether Anglican or Roman Catholic, will be denied being in hostels of their parents' religious faith?

4. What provision is being made for the continuance in office of the staff members of these institutions following the takeover?

5. Is it intended that such staff members shall be civil servants?

Mr. H. E. Gray (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, again I am answering this question on behalf of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The answer to the first part of the question is that the employees of the Indian Student Residences are being brought under the Public Service Employment Act following instructions of Treasury Board in order to give employees collective bargaining