

3. What is the total cost of operation and salaries of conciliation boards (a) for each province (b) for each regional office?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** 1. The Governor in Council appoints chairmen of boards of referees on the recommendation of the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. (a) Nominations are requested by the commission from labour organizations in the community served by the board. These nominations are evaluated and successful candidates appointed by the commission. (b) Nominations are requested by the commission from employer organizations in the community served by the board. These nominations are evaluated and successful candidates appointed by the commission.

2. The chairman and members are paid by cheque for each sitting. (a) Chairman, \$100; Members, \$80; (b) Chairman, \$60; Members, \$40.

3. (a) Not available.

(b)	(000's)
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Atlantic	\$156.1
Prairie	\$246.6
Pacific	\$289.9
Quebec	\$380.7
Ontario	\$704.2
Total	\$1,777.5

#### POSSIBILITY OF REOPENING THE HOBBEA HOSPITAL

Question No. 2,384—**Mr. Schellenberger:**

1. Is the Minister of National Health and Welfare considering an investigation into the possibility of reopening the Hobbema Hospital?

2. What were the reasons for its closure?

3. Has the Department entered into an agreement with the Wetaskiwin Hospital to provide services for Indian people of that area?

4. Does the Department feel that adequate beds and facilities now exist to treat people from both areas, especially children?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. No.

2. (1) It was felt that the interests of the Indian people would be better served by having them utilize the existing and expanded hospitalization facilities in Ponoka, Wetaskiwin and Edmonton. In this respect, special provisions were made to ensure that the recently expanded hospital in Wetaskiwin would have sufficient capacity to accommodate the Hobbema Indian patients. The distance from the reserve to the hospitals in Ponoka and Wetaskiwin is within 10 miles on good all-weather roads. The economy of the reserves had also improved so that transportation was more readily available. (2) The province of Alberta wished to assume its responsibility in providing hospitalization for all its residents in accordance with the Hospitalization Act.

3. The Department of National Health and Welfare has entered into no formal agreement with the Wetaskiwin General Hospital since the hospital was willing to provide services for Indian people of the area. Provision has been made to appoint an Indian representative on the Wetaskiwin General Hospital Board.

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4. The responsibility for ensuring that an adequate number of hospital beds exists to treat all people in a given area is that of the Alberta Hospital Services Commission. Should temporary shortages of beds exist from time to time, the patient overflow may be directed to the Charles Camsell Hospital in Edmonton or to other district hospitals. The department is not aware of any hospital bed shortage in this part of the province.

#### METHOD OF DETECTING ANTIBIOTIC RESIDUE

Question No. 2,459—**Mr. Mitges:**

What is the method now used to detect antibiotic residue in milk or meat?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** The present methods now used to detect antibiotic residues in milk or meats are microbiological in nature. Initial tests are usually carried out for inhibitory substances for penicillin. Research is being carried out to obtain more specific and rapid chemical tests.

#### TESTS TO DETECT ANTIBIOTIC RESIDUE

Question No. 2,460—**Mr. Mitges:**

Has there been any new tests or other tests devised to detect antibiotic residue in milk and meat that could be used more or less routinely by lay men?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** No. However, tests are now being carried out by the Health Protection Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare to investigate the practicability of the addition of marker dyes to mastitis creams to provide visible absence of antibiotics from milk from treated cows.

#### \*CANADIAN AIRLINES FARE INCREASES

Question No. 2,555—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. Did the Minister of Transport request the country's two major airlines to show restraint following their applications filed with CTC to increase domestic fares (a) by nine to fourteen percent (b) by higher percentages for short haul routes and, if so, what answer did the Minister receive?

2. What would be the rate increase to and from Stephenville, Newfoundland and (a) Halifax (b) Montreal (c) Ottawa (d) Toronto (e) Boston (f) New York (g) Florida?

**Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** I requested the airline to reassess the proposed increases in domestic air fares, particularly where the proposed new fares represented a substantial increase over the existing fares. Subsequently, both Air Canada and CP Air limited the increases on short-haul routes to \$5 per one way fare. With the approval of the House and Your Honour I would ask that the next part be tabled, or taken as read and appended to *Hansard*.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is that agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Editor's Note: The part of the answer referred to above is as follows:*]