

STORAGE OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
EQUIPMENT

Question No. 1,388—**Mr. Godin:**

1. How many units of the following unused equipment are stored in the warehouses of the Department of Defence Production (a) underwear (b) towels (c) linen (d) shirts (e) trousers (f) shoes (g) stockings (h) wooden ladders (i) aluminum ladders?

2. For each of the abovementioned number of items, (a) how much did the government spend for manufacturing or buying these items (b) were they manufactured in Canada or abroad?

[Translation]

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry):**

In so far as the Department of Defence Production is concerned:

Warehousing and Distribution Branch

1. (a) Nil; (b) Nil; (c) Nil; (d) 483; (e) 32 prs.; (f) Nil; (g) Nil; (h) Nil; (i) 101.

2. (a) Purchase price: Item 1(d) 206 at \$3.50 each and 277 at \$3.55 each; Item 1(e) \$11.95 each; Item 1(i) Ranging in price from \$10.80 for 5' Step Ladder to \$65.00 for 14' Step Ladder.

(b) All items Canadian manufactured.

Note: The above mentioned items have been transferred from the Department of Public Works to the No. 1 Canadian Government Supply Centre and will be reissued to that Department on request.

Emergency Supply Planning Branch

1. None. However, the following list of new and reconditioned clothing stores, some of which were purchased over 20 years ago, were declared surplus by DND and it was proposed to ask Crown Assets Disposal Corporation to dispose of them. After inspection of the items it was decided that they could be valuable for use by the Emergency Welfare Services of the Department of National Health and Welfare in case of national emergencies.

Consequently, it was arranged that the goods be transferred to ESPB but to remain stored in DND Warehouses throughout the country and the Department of Defence Production to pay warehouse charges. A percentage of the clothing stores has already been transferred and arrangements for responsibility for the balance are being made.

An effective working arrangement has been completed between DND, DDP, and the Emergency Welfare Services of the Department of National Health and Welfare, whereby regional Emergency Welfare Services representatives may call for the provision of such

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clothing stocks to meet a local disaster situation where such material is required and not quickly obtainable from other sources. (a) 703,051 units; (b) nil; (c) nil; (d) 116,121 units; (e) 226,909 pairs; (f) 104,853 pairs; (g) 110,366 pairs; (h) nil; (i) nil.

2. (a) The following are average prices for each item. (a) \$3.50 per unit; (b) N/A; (c) N/A; (d) \$3 per unit; (e) \$5.90 per pair; (f) \$3.70 per pair; (g) 85 cents per pair; (h) N/A; (i) N/A.

(b) All items Canadian manufactured.

[English]

\*WINTER WORKS PROGRAM, 1966-67

Question No. 1,399—**Mr. Irvine:**

Has the government received a petition from the council of the corporation of the city of London asking for an advance announcement of a winter works program for the 1966-67 season, to be established early, in connection with centennial year projects and, if so, what action will the government take regarding this matter?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to the first part of the question is yes.

The answer to the second part is as follows. The operation of the municipal winter works incentive program is always considered on a year to year basis. An announcement concerning a 1966-67 program will be made as soon as possible.

RETRAINING COURSES FOR UNEMPLOYED

Question No. 1,407—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

1. How many unemployed Canadians took retraining courses in (a) 1963-64 (b) 1964-65 (c) 1965-66?

2. How many completed the course in each of the aforementioned fiscal years?

**Mr. J. C. Munro (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Citizenship and Immigration):**

1. Number of unemployed Canadians who took retraining courses in: (a) 1963-64, 48,923; (b) 1964-65, 59,840; (c) 1965-66, 79,623.\*

2. Number who completed courses in: (a) 1963-64, 18,081; (b) 1964-65, 20,917; (c) 1965-66, 33,199.\*

\*Preliminary figures are shown for 1965-66; final figures will be available about May 31, 1966.