

***NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO WILL QUALIFY UNDER NEW PROVISIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT**

Question No. 1,588—Mr. Fairweather:

What is the estimated number of school or university students who will qualify for Unemployment Insurance when they return to classes under the new provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): School or university students who return to classes are not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits because they are not available for work as required under the Unemployment Insurance Act. There is no estimate of the number of school or university students who do not return to the full-time attendance of classes and are unemployed. The latter students could qualify for benefits if they worked in insurable employment for eight weeks in the past 52 weeks.

COVERAGE OF CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER

Question No. 1,622—Mr. Mather:

How many CBC staff members were in Victoria to cover the Constitutional Conference?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that its English and French radio and television services and International Service covered the Victoria Constitutional Conference, June 14 to June 17, using a total of 88 personnel, some of whom were in Victoria for only part of the time.

[English]

CBC—OVERSEAS TRANSMITTING SERVICES

Question No. 1,631—Mr. Mather:

1. Has CBC any overseas transmitting services for Radio Canada International programs located on the Pacific Coast and, if so, are any programs transmitted in the Japanese language?
2. Is CBC aware of the importance to Canada of Pacific rim communication?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as follows: 1. No. However, the CBC International Service is carrying out tests with its new transmitters at Sackville, N.B., to see whether these can be used to transmit a usable signal to the Far East.

2. Yes, and the Corporation is conducting studies on this matter.

[English]

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS—PROVISION OF GRANTS TO PRIVATE INDUSTRY

Question No. 1,654—Mr. Broadbent:

1. What programs of the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs provide grants, subsidies and other cash incentives to private industry?

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2. What amount was provided to industry through each program in each of the past five years?

3. What amount, by program, has gone to each of the five major regions of Canada in the same years?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1. Nil.

2 and 3. N.A.

WAR VETERANS ALLOWANCE TO VETERANS LIVING OUTSIDE CANADA

Question No. 1,658—Mr. MacRae:

Is the government giving consideration to amending the War Veterans Allowance Act so that war veterans living outside of Canada, especially in the United Kingdom and in the United States of America, would be permitted to draw War Veterans Allowance without having to return to Canada?

Hon. Jean-Eudes Dubé (Minister of Veterans Affairs): Section 3(3) of the War Veterans Allowance Act, as amended in 1960, reads as follows:

“3. (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), the allowance payable under this section to a veteran, widow or orphan may be paid to that veteran, widow or orphan who absents himself from Canada after the coming into force of this Act if, on the day that he leaves Canada, he

(a) is a recipient of an allowance under this section or section 5; and

(b) had been resident in Canada for the twelve months immediately preceding that day.”

The foregoing provides that such a recipient can normally continue to receive his allowance indefinitely outside Canada.

The government is not giving consideration to amending the War Veterans Allowance Act at this time.

RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK—ZONING POLICY

Question No. 1,704—Mr. Stewart (Marquette):

1. Is the zoning policy still in effect in Riding Mountain National Park?

2. Is the government establishing a buffer-zone around the Park and, if so (a) what amount has been spent in the purchase of lands for this purpose (b) how much land has been purchased (c) how was the value of these lands established?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes.

2. No. (a) not applicable; (b) not applicable; (c) not applicable.

RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK—NEW HIGHWAY

Question No. 1,706—Mr. Stewart (Marquette):

Are there any plans for the construction of a new highway to replace the present No. 10 Highway in Riding Mountain National Park and, if so, what are these plans?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes. Current planning is to commence reconstruction of this Highway in 1973-74, subject to the availability of funds at that time.