

Order Paper Questions

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RELEASE OF SERVICEMEN DUE TO DIABETES

Question No. 4,987—Mrs. Cossitt:

In the past five years, were any individuals released from service in the Canadian Armed Forces because they were diabetic and, if so (a) how many (b) in each case, what was his/her classification (c) what is the justification for considering diabetes as a reason for discharge from the Armed Forces during peace time?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of National Defence): To provide a reply for the past five years as asked in the question would entail a manual search of thousands of files for which the Department does not have the necessary resources. A manual search has been conducted for calendar year 1982 and the data for 1982 is as follows:

- (a) Eleven.
- (b) Plumber gas fitter—one
- Radar plotter (Sea)—one
- Medical assistants—two
- Infantrymen—three
- Artillery—one
- Safety systems technician—one
- Vehicle technician—one
- Weapons technician—one

(c) Since diabetes mellitus is a chronic and progressively debilitating disease and since it is not possible to guarantee the necessary condition in the Canadian Forces where a diabetic would have regular meals, rest, sleep and protection from injury with the concurrent risk of infection which would have potentially serious implications for a diabetic, employment for such an individual would be very limited. Neither heavy physical work for sustained periods nor front line defensive duties even for short periods could be considered. In addition,

the medical resources required by the insulin dependent diabetic such as sterilization of insulin injection equipment, refrigeration for storage of insulin and sophisticated laboratory facilities could not be guaranteed in potentially hostile environments, nor in fact, in the majority of postings/positions in the military environment.

The final medical category awarded to diabetics is determined by the clinical condition and treatment requirements for each individual. The career disposition is determined in each case by the limitations imposed by his/her medical condition.

HMCS "ORIOLE"

Question No. 4,995—Mr. Clarke:

Will the training ketch "Oriole" be taken out or has it been taken out of service in Esquimalt, British Columbia and sailed through the Panama Canal to the east coast of Canada and, if so (a) on what date will it or did it leave Esquimalt (b) on what date did it or will it arrive at east coast ports (c) what is the purpose of the visit to east coast ports (d) how long will it be absent from Base Esquimalt (e) what is the estimated cost of the trip and the stay in eastern Canada, including fuel, victuals and wages for the crew?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of National Defence): The training ketch HMCS *Oriole* has not, nor is planned to be taken out of service. However, consideration is being given to include in the 1984 schedule of operations a cruise by the *Oriole* to the Atlantic to participate as a Canadian entry in a gathering of the International Fleet of tall ships planned for Halifax and Quebec City during June, 1984.

(a), (b) and (d) Since the details of this possible participation are still in the consideration stage further information cannot be confirmed.

(c) Purpose of the cruise, if approved, is given above.

(e) If this cruise is approved the only additional cost that would be incurred and would be different to training operations in the Pacific, would be for the use of the Panama canal and port services in the non-Canadian ports which the ships might visit during transit.

DND—RADIO BIOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM

Question No. 4,999—Mr. McKinnon:

Did the Department of National Defence contract for a continuation of a radio biology research program with the University of Ottawa at a cost of \$189,453 and, if so (a) what was the amount of the original contract and what was its purpose (b) was the first contract simply underestimated or was it expected at that time that there would be a gross overrun?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of National Defence): Yes. (a) and (b) This is an original contract. Previously the research program on radio-biology was conducted in-house utilising National Research Council (NRC) facilities. However, since NRC required the space occupied by the DND scientists the decision was made to contract this work to the University of Ottawa. This is a continuing program and the contract will be renegotiated yearly.