

Order Paper Questions

included in contracts with private organizations, although some corporations do make provision for safeguards in this respect.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—AMENDMENT OF ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE SUPERANNUATION ACT TO INCLUDE FEMALE AND MALE CONTRIBUTORS

Question No. 369—Mr. Howard:

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act be amended so that its provisions will be the same for both female and male contributors?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Appropriate legislative amendments to the Public Service Superannuation Act are under active review respecting benefits to female contributors. Consequently changes affecting the Public Service Superannuation Act will, where appropriate, result in similar amendments being made to the R.C.M. Police Superannuation Act.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—FEMALE ENLISTMENT IN ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Question No. 370—Mr. Howard:

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that enlistment in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police be open to women?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): For many years the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has engaged females for certain functions within the Force. Presently, a study is being conducted into force requirements to determine where females, if engaged as regular members, could be used to best advantage.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—TRADES OPEN TO WOMEN IN CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

Question No. 371—Mr. Howard:

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that all trades in the Canadian Forces be open to women?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): A study was conducted to ascertain which trades and classifications in the Canadian Armed Forces could be opened to women. Women will be excluded from those classifications and trades which call for service in primary combat roles, sea-going duty and duty in isolated areas. However, the following trades and classifications are now open to women and this new policy could over a period of time increase the number of women in the Forces to some 2,000 officers and about 5,000 other ranks: Officer Classification—Open to Women: Aerospace Engineer; Communications/Electronics Engineer; Dental; Medical; Medical Associate; Nursing; Air Traffic Controller; Air Weapons Controller; Legal; Meteorology; Musician; Personnel Development; Personnel Support. Other Ranks Trades—Open to Women: Meteorological Technician; Photographic Technician; Air Traffic Controller; Air Traffic Control Assistant; Operation Plotter; Teletype Operator; Communications Operator; Terminal

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Equipment Technician; Teletype and Cipher Technician; Communication Technician; Safety Systems Technician; Metals Technician; Machinist; Refinisher Technician; Medical Assistant; Operating Room Assistant; Laboratory Technician; X-Ray Technician; Hygiene Technician; Bio-science Technician; Dental Clinical Assistant; Dental Laboratory Technician; Dental Equipment Maintenance Technician; Dental Therapist; Administrative Clerk; Accounting and Finance Clerk; Physical Education and Recreation Instructor; Musician; Draughtsman; Supply Technician.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—ELIMINATION OF PROHIBITION ON ENLISTMENT OF MARRIED WOMEN IN CANADIAN FORCES

Question No. 372—Mr. Howard:

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the prohibition on the enlistment of married women in the Canadian Forces be eliminated?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Marital status is not one of the enrolment criteria for enlistment in the Canadian Armed Forces for either men or women.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—INITIAL ENGAGEMENT IN ARMED FORCES

Question No. 373—Mr. Howard:

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the length of the initial engagement for which personnel are required to enlist in the Canadian Forces be the same for women and men?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Both men and women are enrolled as other ranks in the Canadian Forces for an initial five year period. Officers, however, are enrolled for indefinite service or for a fixed period depending on the plan under which they receive their commission.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—CANADIAN ARMED FORCES MATERNITY BENEFITS

Question No. 374—Mr. Howard:

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that release of a woman from the Canadian Forces because she has a child be prohibited?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): The present policy concerning a woman who has a child while serving in the Canadian Forces is that release will only occur where the individual woman so requests it, or where there is a clear indication that her retention will conflict with service requirements. Maternity benefits available to the serving woman now include leave entitlement and medical care.