

*Order Paper Questions*

3. Since the cost of gifts to the Crown are deductible from taxable income and not from taxes owing, the answer is no.

## ARCTIC INSTITUTE OF NORTH AMERICA

Question No. 2,168—**Mr. Leggatt:**

Has the (a) Department of the Environment (b) Department of Transport (c) Department of Energy, Mines and Resources ever funded the Arctic Institute of North America and, if so, on what date and for what amount of money?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of the Environment, Energy, Mines and Resources and Transport as follows: (a) 1972-73, \$20,000.00; 1973-74, \$34,250.00; 1974-75, \$58.75; (b) The Ministry of Transport has no record of ever providing funds to assist the Arctic Institute of North America. (c) August 6, 1968, \$10,000.00; November 8, 1968, \$2,000.00; October 15, 1970, \$1,550.30; November 29, 1971, \$9,937.48.

## REDUCTION OF ANTIBIOTIC RESIDUE IN FOOD PRODUCTS

Question No. 2,458—**Mr. Mitges:**

1. What action is the government taking to reduce the incidence of antibiotic residue in milk, meat and other edible food products containing meat and/or milk?

2. Have there been any cases reported of persons taken ill by drinking milk or eating meat, or eating or drinking other food products that contained antibiotic residue and, if so, how many for each year 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1974?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of Agriculture and National Health and Welfare as follows: 1. The use of antibiotics in livestock feeds are regulated under the Feeds Act. Only those kinds and concentrations of antibiotics are permitted that will not cause residues in meat or milk. Feed samples are regularly analysed to ensure compliance with standards. Food products such as skim milk powder are monitored for the presence of antibiotic residues. At registered establishments under the Meat Inspection Act, the anti and post mortem inspections conducted include sample tests for evidence of animals being fed or treated prior to slaughter with antibiotics. Specimens of suspected animals and samples of meat are taken periodically for laboratory tests which includes examination for antibiotic residues. The Health Protection Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare, is attempting to reduce the incidence of antibiotic residues in milk, meat and other edible food products containing meat and/or milk by: (a) developing new specific chemical assay methods (b) investigating the possibility of the addition of harmless dyes to mastitis creams containing antibiotics to provide visible markers as indicators of the presence of antibiotics. In addition, provincial and municipal authorities are normally very active in the control of fluid milk. The Health Protection Branch has over the years encouraged such provincial programs and supplied advice on assay methodology.

2. The Department of National Health and Welfare has no statistics or documented evidence of any such cases.

[Mr. Sharp.]

## PINETREE RADAR SITE

Question No. 2,552—**Mr. Marshall:**

What were the results of consultation between the government and the Province of Newfoundland as to the disposal of Pinetree Radar Site taking into account the interest of the government in the location and the property?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Public Works):** From consultations, the province of Newfoundland has offered to take over the subject site at no charge, excluding the properties to be retained by the various federal services. A review is underway to confirm other federal needs of the site prior to concluding negotiations with the province.

## PFRA—SUBSIDIES FOR WELLS

Question No. 2,707—**Mr. Hnatyshyn:**

1. How many wells have been subsidized under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration's Water Development Programme during the years 1971-72 and 1973-74?

2. What was the (a) average (b) total cost to the PFRA of the wells?

**Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** The answer for the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is as follows: 1. The well program did not start until April 1, 1973. In 1973-74 there were 4,492 wells constructed with assistance under the program.

2. (a) \$241.93; (b) \$1,086,643.15.

## GRANT TO INFORMATION OXFORD

Question No. 2,798—**Mr. Halliday:**

1. Was a grant under the Student Community Services Programme of the Department of the Secretary of State approved for Project No. OLG2040 as submitted by Information Oxford and, if so, was the local Member of Parliament notified and on what date?

2. Is it government policy that notice of approval of such grants is made to the Secretary of the local Liberal Association and not to the local Member of Parliament and, if not, did an official of the office of the Secretary of State telephone the Secretary of the Oxford Liberal Association on or about May 29, 1975, to make the initial announcement of the grant?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** 1. (a) Yes. (b) Letters informing Members of Parliament of grants approved for organizations within their respective ridings under the Student Community Service Program were forwarded to individual members.

2. (a) No. (b) No.

## PERSONS HIRED TO IMPLEMENT BILL C-13

Question No. 2,823—**Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):**

1. As of May 15, 1975, how many persons have been hired (a) by the Public Service Commission (b) under contract by the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for duties relating primarily to the implementation and administration of Bill C-13, An Act to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act?

2. In each case, what was the date of the original employment or commencement of contract?

**Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** 1. (a) None. (b) None. The only persons directly affected by Bill C-13 are two new members of the Northern Canada