

Questions

FABRIC FLAMMABILITY STANDARDS

Question No. 2,491—**Mr. Robinson:**

Is it the intention of the federal government to develop Canadian standards on fabric flammability and flammability ratings leading to a possible labelling system?

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

INCREASE IN PASSPORT OFFICE PERSONNEL

Question No. 2,504—**Mr. Yewchuk:**

1. By how much has the staff of the Passport Office been increased in the past two months?

2. How many people are now involved in the processing of passport applications and, how many for the corresponding period in 1968?

3. How many passport applications have been processed to date this year and, how many for the corresponding period of 1968?

4. Does the government anticipate further hiring of personnel to increase the staff of the Passport Office in order that a greater degree of efficiency in that Office be attained?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. On April 16, 1969, this office employed 289 employees. As of June 16, 1969, the office has 404 persons on staff or an increase of approximately 40 per cent, but had been reduced to 363 by Friday evening, June 20 to reflect the fall in workload.

2. At the present time there are 363 employees involved in the processing of passport applications. This figure included a second and third shift of passport writers and other employees in the production line. Last year during the same period the Passport Office had a staff of 213 employees.

3. Up to Friday, June 20, 1969, the Passport Office has issued 235,420 passports whereas during the same period in 1968, 203,665 passports were issued and renewed. It should be mentioned however, that during the last seven weeks or since May 1, 105,558 passports were processed or an increase in production of 45 per cent over the same period in 1968.

4. No, the Passport Office does not anticipate hiring additional personnel at present because, following its normal seasonal pattern, the volume of passport applications has dropped.

INDIAN AFFAIRS PUBLIC RELATIONS STAFF

Question No. 2,524—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development have a public relations staff and, if so, how many?

[Mr. Lang.]

2. What was the total cost of public relations for the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes. 22.

2. 1960-66: Prior to April 1, 1966, the Department did not have a Public Relations Staff as a separate entity. The funds were at that time included in the budgets of various branches and it is not possible to segregate the number of staff and expenditures from 1960 to 1966; 1966-67: \$204,063. 1967-68: \$221,081. 1968-69: \$406,965.

CAUSE AND CURE OF HEMOPHILIA

Question No. 2,530—**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):**

1. Has the government made funds available for research into the cause and cure of hemophilia?

2. If so, how much has been made available?

3. If not, is serious consideration being given to making provision for such research, and when will a decision be taken?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes. The Medical Research Council is prepared to grant funds for research into the cause and cure of hemophilia.

2. In response to applications in 1968-69, the Medical Research Council made grants totalling \$59,700 in relation to research into the cause and cure of hemophilia.

3. See answer in Part 2.

SASKATOON, SASK.—FUNDS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

Question No. 2,557—**Mr. Gleave:**

1. How much money is being contributed by the following toward the 60 public housing units presently being constructed in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan (a) the federal government (b) the provincial government (c) the City of Saskatoon?

2. What amount was paid for the land involved?

3. What recreational facilities will these projects include (a) inside (b) outside?

4. On what basis will the tenants be selected?

5. On what basis will the rents be set?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister without Portfolio): 1. (a) The federal government's contribution is estimated at \$835,327.50; (b) The provincial government's contribution is estimated at \$222,754; (c) The city of Saskatoon's contribution is estimated at \$55,688.50.

2. The cost of the land was \$123,922.