

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Pierre Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 90, 120 and 131.

[Text]

DEPARTMENTAL MINISTERS' OFFICES

Question No. 90—**Mr. Boudria:**

1. Since September 4, 1984, what was the total cost of renovating, redecorating and refurbishing the departmental office of each Cabinet Minister?
2. What were the names of the contractors awarded contracts to perform such work and (a) in each case, what was the amount of the contract (b) were the contracts awarded by public tender and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): 1. For the period September 4, 1984 to September 30, 1986, present Cabinet Ministers have occupied 62 departmental offices. The approximate average cost of renovating, redecorating and refurbishing each office is \$15,973.

2. (a) and (b). As most of the works contracted were for minor alterations requiring no public tender (see Government Contracts Regulations), contracts were mostly awarded by individual designation, invited quotation, from the Central Contractor Index or to the building owners.

Items were mostly purchased from sole source suppliers, approved suppliers or standing offers.

For the reasons mentioned above, a detailed listing of suppliers and contractors has not been provided as it would prove to be time consuming and costly.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND CANCER STATISTICS

Question No. 120—**Mr. Caccia:**

1. For each of the past five years, how many cases of (a) Parkinson's disease (b) cancer have been diagnosed in Saskatchewan?
2. How does this compare on a per capita basis with (a) other provinces (b) the national average?
3. Do the figures for either disease depart from the average and, if so, for what reason?

Hon. Monique Vézina (Minister of Supply and Services): Statistics Canada reports:

1(a) Parkinson's disease. No national or provincial statistics are available on the incidence of Parkinson's disease.

1(b), 2(a), 2(b) Cancer only. Table one below shows the number and corresponding rates per 100,000 population of new primary cancers which were diagnosed in Saskatchewan residents from 1981 to 1985. The figures do not include non-melanoma skin cancers. Comparative figures for Canada, and for the highest and lowest provinces are shown for 1981 and 1982.

Table 1

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Numbers (1)					
Saskatchewan	3,346	3,415	3,358	3,565	3,755

Rates per 100,000

Population	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Saskatchewan	346	349	338	354	368
Canada (2)	333	335	—	—	—
Provincial Range (2)	210-390	219-387	—	—	—

- Notes: (1) excludes non-melanoma skin cancer
(2) national data are not yet available after 1982.

Sources: For 1981 and 1982, *Cancer in Canada*, Statistics Canada, Catalogue 82-207. For 1983-1985: Figures supplied by the Saskatchewan Cancer Registry.

3. Comparison. Cancer rates for Saskatchewan tend to fall close to their average rate for all of Canada. The rates calculated in Table 1 however, are called crude rates, as they do not adjust for differences in the age structure of the populations of the various provinces.

These crude rates for Saskatchewan tend to be just above the national average, because Saskatchewan has an older population than most provinces and because cancer rates are much higher in order than in younger age groups.

In Table 2, age adjusted rates are calculated separately for males and females for Saskatchewan for 1981 and 1982. These rates, which adjust for differences in the age structure between the Saskatchewan and Canadian populations, show that Saskatchewan's rates for 1981 and 1982 fall slightly below the national average.

Table 2

Number and Age-Standardized Rates of New Primary Cancers Diagnosed in Saskatchewan Residents, 1981 and 1982, by Sex, Compared to Canadian Rates

	Males		Females	
	1981	1982	1981	1982
Numbers (1)				
Saskatchewan	1,875	1,924	1,471	1,491
Age Standardized Rates				
Per 100,000 (1,2)				
Saskatchewan	289	294	254	250
Canada	315	316	280	275

- Notes: (1) excludes non-melanoma skin cancer
(2) rates are age-standardized to the 1971 Canadian population

Sources: *Cancer in Canada*, Statistics Canada Catalogue 82-207.

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN METROPOLITAN TORONTO

Question No. 131—**Mr. Redway:**

Since September 4, 1984, did the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs make grants and/or loans to persons or corporations, non-governmental organizations and governments within metropolitan Toronto and, if so, in each case, what was the (a) purpose (b) amount?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Since September 4, 1984, the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs issued three grants (Grants