

Order Paper Questions

3. What record is there in Canada of contagion of Hansen's disease, either in the traditional way, or through the possibility of genetics?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. (a) British Columbia 9; (b) Alberta 5; (c) Saskatchewan 2; (d) Manitoba 6; (e) Ontario 68; (f) Quebec 8; (g) New Brunswick 0; (h) Nova Scotia 0; (i) Prince Edward Island 0; (j) Newfoundland 1.

2. (a) 38; (b) 51; (c) 92.

3. Information available on record indicates that less than one third of the registered cases of Leprosy may still be infectious. All of those infected persons, with only one possible exception, acquired the disease outside of Canada, while residing in endemic areas. Effective treatment is available and communicability is considered low. There is no evidence to indicate that genetic factors play a role in the actual transmission of Hansen's disease.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANADIAN SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR INFLUENZA VACCINES

Question No. 2,001—Mr. Yewchuk:

Did the Armand Frappier Institute receive government funding in 1976 for the purpose of establishing a Canadian source of supply for influenza vaccines and, if so, in what amount?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes. During the fiscal year 1975-76, the Armand Frappier Institute received \$200,000 from the Department of National Health and Welfare to establish a Canadian source of supply for influenza vaccines.

OLD AGE SECURITY

Question No. 2,012—Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):

1. How many persons in Canada, and in each province, are in receipt of the Old Age Security pension?

2. Of the recipients of the Old Age Security pension, how many persons in Canada, and in each province, are in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement?

3. Of those receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement, how many persons in Canada, and in each province, are receiving the full amount?

4. What is the average amount, in Canada, and in each province, being received as a Guaranteed Income Supplement by recipients of the Old Age Security pension?

5. Do the answers to the above questions take into consideration persons living outside of Canada who are in receipt of the Old Age Security pension and, if so, how many of such persons are there, and if they are considered as belonging to the various provinces, what is the number for each province?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

| Province or Territory | 1 Number of people receiving OAS | 2 Number of people receiving GIS | 3 Number of people receiving maximum GIS |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Newfoundland | 37,419 | 30,714 | 19,607 |
| Prince Edward Island | 13,376 | 9,915 | 4,578 |
| Nova Scotia | 81,146 | 54,191 | 24,453 |
| New Brunswick | 61,560 | 41,109 | 19,231 |
| Quebec | 489,582 | 308,122 | 144,656 |

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Ontario | 734,286 | 342,128 | 105,916 |
| Manitoba | 107,188 | 61,951 | 21,441 |
| Saskatchewan | 103,300 | 56,901 | 20,439 |
| Alberta | 136,764 | 78,229 | 29,214 |
| British Columbia | 237,687 | 123,942 | 44,457 |
| Northwest Territories | 1,089 | 839 | 720 |
| Yukon | 584 | 330 | 223 |
| Total | 2,003,981 | 1,108,371 | 434,935 |

NOTE: The above figures represent persons in receipt of OAS/GIS as of December 1976.

4. The average amount of guaranteed income supplement received in Canada is \$77.29. By province, the average guaranteed income supplement received is as follows: Newfoundland, \$84.40; Prince Edward Island, \$80.22; Nova Scotia, \$80.24; New Brunswick, \$81.90; Quebec, \$81.35; Ontario, \$73.12; Manitoba, \$75.52; Saskatchewan, \$76.76; Alberta, \$76.11; British Columbia, \$75.52.

5. Yes. People who receive the Old Age Security Pension outside of Canada are paid from the regional office in the province in which they last resided. The statistical breakdown is as follows:

| Province | Number of people receiving the Old Age Security pension outside of Canada |
|----------------------|---|
| Newfoundland | 96 |
| Prince Edward Island | 72 |
| Nova Scotia | 418 |
| New Brunswick | 351 |
| Quebec | 3,484 |
| Ontario | 5,522 |
| Manitoba | 576 |
| Saskatchewan | 366 |
| Alberta | 644 |
| British Columbia | 2,399 |
| Total | 13,928 |

NOTE: The above figures represent persons receiving the Old Age Security payments abroad as of December 1976.

CHEDDAR CHEESE PRODUCTION IN ALBERTA

Question No. 2,051—Mr. Schellenberger:

1. During the past three years, what was the cheddar cheese production in Alberta as compared to Canada?

2. In what category has the cheddar cheese produced in Alberta been classified by inspectors of the Department of Agriculture?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1.

| | Alberta (pounds) | Canada (pounds) |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1974/75 | 4,966,000 | 190,560,000 |
| 1975/76 | 6,838,000 | 179,399,000 |
| 1976/January 77 | 5,723,000 | 145,674,000 |