

Order Paper Questions

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Solicitor General): 1. There are 4 inmates being treated by aversive conditioning methods at the Regional Psychiatric Centre in Ontario. The program is of 16 weeks' duration.

2. The Canadian Penitentiary Service does not use electric shocks to the genitals as the aversive stimulus, it is applied to the calf muscle.

3. For such procedure, "informed consent" is obtained from the inmates by personal interview and written consent using an approved consent form.

4. (a) The ethics committee of Queen's University determine whether consent is voluntary and informed. (b) Evaluation and continuance of treatment is determined by the Research Department of the Regional Psychiatric Centre (Ontario Region).

5. The ethics committee of Queen's University is involved with the procedures and consent, however, there is no inmate representation.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

Question No. 1,835—**Mr. McGrath:**

Was a special study undertaken in March 1978 with the labour force survey to determine the level of hidden unemployment and, if so, for what reason has the study not yet been released and what was the result of the study?

Mr. Bernard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports the following:

Supplementary surveys are carried out frequently in conjunction with the labour force survey.

In March, 1978, supplementary questions were added to obtain additional statistical information about persons who were not actively seeking work in that month. The survey questionnaires are now being tabulated and results are expected to be available early in September.

This supplementary survey was developmental in nature and was designed in large part to assess the feasibility of obtaining certain types of additional data on a regular basis in future years.

LOANS TO PARAGUAY

Question No. 1,838—**Mr. Gillies:**

1. Does the government have any evidence of violations of human rights occurring in Paraguay?

2. Does the government have any evidence of any violations of the rights of Indians who reside in Paraguay and, if so, what specific evidence is available?

3. Is the government currently making available foreign aid to Paraguay?

4. Has the government within the last five years made available aid to Paraguay and, if so, what are the specific projects through which this aid was given and what was the amount in each case?

5. What, if any, is the total value of Economic Development Corporation loans made to Paraguay?

6. For the past ten years, what specific individual Economic Development Corporation loans have been made to Paraguay and, in each case, what was the amount?

[Mr. Orlikow.]

7. Is the hydro electric plant sold by Canadian interests to Paraguay to be sited on land originally belonging to native indigenous people?

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to President of Privy Council): I am informed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Energy, Mines and Resources, the Canadian International Development Agency and the Export Development Corporation as follows: 1. The Government is aware of reports that violations of human rights occur in Paraguay. The sources of these reports include Amnesty International, the International League for Human Rights and the Country Reports on Human Rights Practices prepared by the U.S. Department of State.

2. The Government is aware of reports concerning violations of the rights of Indians who reside in Paraguay. At its last session in March 1978, the UN Commission on Human Rights, of which Canada is a member, considered in closed session the question of human rights and the native population in Paraguay. As well, Paraguay has agreed to an "on-scene" investigation by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which is the Commission established by the Organization of American States.

3 and 4. No.

5 and 6. None.

7. The Government is not aware of any sale of a hydro electric plant by Canadian interests to Paraguay.

CONTRACT FOR SMOKE GRENADES

Question No. 1,840—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Was Lorcon Inc., Milton, Ontario, awarded a contract for hand smoke grenades in the amount of \$1,349,082 and, if so (a) how many grenades does this cover (b) what period of time does the contract cover (c) are the grenades for training purposes and, if not, for what purpose are they being bought (d) what is the present stock of this type of armament?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): Yes. (a) 135,000 smoke grenades. (b) Training stocks for the time frame September, 1978 to August, 1980. (c) Training purposes. (d) 34,831 smoke grenades.

CONTRACT FOR HAND MINES

Question No. 1,841—**Mr. McKinnon:**

Was Lorcon Inc., 221 Nipissing Road, Milton, Ontario, awarded a contract for \$1,752,389 for land mines and, if so (a) how many land mines are being purchased (b) are the land mines to be for training or deployment in Canada or overseas?

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence): Yes. (a) Anti-personnel mines—59,328; land mines—422,668. (b) The above mines are non-lethal to be used for training both in Canada and in Europe.