

## Questions

National Product should be spent by any level of government.

## AUTOMOBILE SAFETY BELTS

Question No. 375—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Is any research being carried out to provide a more dependable safety belt for automobiles than the lap or shoulder belt now provided?

2. Do the present lap and shoulder belts installed in automobiles meet the government standards of safety?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** 1. There is no substantial evidence suggesting that seat belts currently provided in new Canadian automobiles require modification to improve dependability. However, there is a continuing surveillance program on seat belt performance in automobile collisions to detect possible design problems requiring attention. Considerable research is being carried out to develop means of encouraging increased seat belt usage through convenience changes and the addition of warning devices.

2. Yes.

## NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL LIBRARY

Question No. 376—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. What is the number of publications and books of reference material in the National Research Council Library?

2. What is the yearly cost to maintain this service?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** In so far as the National Research Council of Canada is concerned the answer is as follows: 1. 875,000 at December 31, 1971.

2. \$2,303,310 for fiscal year 1970-1971.

SALE OF HMCS *BONAVENTURE*

Question No. 383—**Mr. MacRae:**

What amount was received for *HMCS Bonaventure* upon its disposal?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services):** The Crown Assets Disposal Corporation sold the *HMCS Bonaventure* to the highest bidder for \$851,700. Prior to the sale of the Aircraft Carrier, the Department of National Defence removed from the vessel recoverable items with a value of approximately \$5,000,000.

## LOCATIONS OF PROPOSED ROADS TO BE BUILT UNDER ARDA PROGRAM IN ABITIBI AND TÉMISKAMINGUE CONSTITUENCIES

Question No. 393—**Mr. Laprise:**

What locations are proposed for roads that are to be built giving access to Crown forests in the constituencies of Abitibi and Témiskamingue under the ARDA program and by whom were the locations selected?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Under the ARDA agreement which has been signed with the Province of Quebec, it is proposed to build

[Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton).]

the following roads in the constituencies of Abitibi and Témiskamingue: (1) road to Kipawa forest; (2) road to Megiscane forest; (3) road to La Sarre forest; (4) road to Matagami forest. The last two locations are subject to consultations with La Société de Développement de la Baie James, but the locations in each case have been selected by the Province of Quebec.

[English]

## SASKATCHEWAN—TREATMENT CENTRES

Question No. 399—**Mr. Knight:**

1. What was the expenditure for the Regina Treatment Centre for veterans in Saskatchewan during the last year of its operation?

2. In the same time period, what was the expenditure by the government for the Saskatoon Treatment Centre for veterans?

3. What was the reason for the closure of the Regina Treatment Centre?

4. Have there been additional expenditures for the Saskatoon Treatment Centre since it began operating for all of Saskatchewan and, if so, in what amount?

5. What was the number of staff in the Regina Treatment Centre?

6. What was the number of staff in the Saskatoon Treatment Centre?

7. Was additional staff hired for the Saskatoon Treatment Centre after the closure of the Regina Treatment Centre and, if so, how many?

8. What provisions have been made to avoid delay and inconvenience to veterans who normally went to the Regina Treatment Centre?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** 1. \$750,000.

2. \$904,000.

3. The Centre has not been closed.

4. Although the financial administration of the Regina Treatment Services District was transferred to Saskatoon, it was necessary to transfer only one individual at a salary of approximately \$7,000. Additional expenditures for the Saskatoon Treatment Centre as a result of the reorganization of the Regina District have therefore been negligible.

5. Prior to reorganization the number of staff at the Regina Treatment Centre was 12. The remaining staff, including the Senior Treatment Medical Officer, is five.

6. The number of staff in the Saskatoon Treatment Centre has remained at 67 in spite of the transfer of one individual from Regina.

7. No.

8. There have been no reports of delay or inconvenience to veterans who continue to be looked after by the DVA staff of the Treatment Services in Regina.

## MOTORCYCLE BRAKE SAFETY STANDARD

Question No. 404—**Mr. Mather:**

Is consideration being given to establishing performance requirements for motorcycle brake systems under motor vehicle safety standards legislation?

**Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Yes.