

## Questions

TRANSACTIONS UNDER GOVERNMENT  
ANNUITIES ACTQuestion No. 1,197—**Mr. Caouette:**

1. When did the Government Annuities Act come into force officially?
2. What is the purpose of this Act?
3. How many annuities were in force on January 1, 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968?

3. Fiscal Year	Annuities Under Payment	Annuities that have not reached maturity		
		Individual	Group	Total
1965	93,342	90,340	205,332	389,014
1966	96,350	88,254	200,498	385,102
1967	99,305	84,766	188,248	372,319
1968	101,987	81,067	181,864	364,918

4. \$1,200.00.

5. No.

Note: Contracts in force at March 31 are given rather than January 1 as statistics are maintained on a fiscal year basis.

## SUFFIELD, ALTA.; CHEMICAL WARFARE TESTS

Question No. 1,209—**Mr. Lewis:**

1. Is the Canadian Government co-operating with United States and Britain in conducting secret chemical warfare tests at Suffield, Alberta?
2. If so, what does this co-operation consist of?

**Mr. D. W. Groos (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** 1. Yes.

2. Examination of many defensive aspects of chemical operations which are of common interest.

## TARIFF ON ACRYLIC PLASTIC SHEETS

Question No. 1,213—**Mr. Lewis:**

Is the government now considering a tariff on Acrylic Plastic Sheets which is currently manufactured by only one United States owned company in Canada?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** The Budget Resolutions proposing amendments to the Customs Tariff which were tabled in the House of Commons on October 22 included a provision for a 10 per cent British Preferential and Most-Favoured-Nation rate of duty on acrylic sheets (tariff item 93902-83) as recommended by the Tariff [Mr. Chrétien.]

4. What was the maximum annuity which could be purchased in 1968?

5. Does the government intend to increase the maximum for an annuity?

**Mr. Jim McNulty (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour):** 1. September 1, 1908.

2. To promote habits of thrift and to encourage and aid Canadians to make provision for old age.

Board in its report on chemicals under Reference 120. Bill C-131 which implemented these resolutions was passed by Parliament. The 10 per cent duty on acrylic sheets came into effect on January 1 of this year.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR  
RETURNSSOCIAL WORKERS EMPLOYED BY  
GOVERNMENTQuestion No. 587—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. How many Social Workers are employed by the federal government (a) in each department (b) in each Province of Canada?
2. How many Social Workers employed are qualified as follows (a) Diploma in Social Work (b) Bachelor of Social Work (c) Master of Social Work (d) extension courses (e) on job training (f) other qualifications?
3. How many Social Workers are engaged in (a) medical social work (b) psychiatric social work (c) community organization?
4. How many Social Workers employed by the government are qualified as (a) case workers (b) group workers (c) community organization workers?

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## GOVERNMENT AID TO HOSPITALS

Question No. 967—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. What is the present government policy on providing financial support to hospitals in Canada?
2. How much money has the federal government paid to provinces and/or municipalities for hospital (a) construction (b) facilities (c) research (d) teaching during the years 1960-1968 inclusive?