

## Questions

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## SALES ABROAD BY CHEMICAL COMPANIES

Question No. 1,757—**Mr. Scott:**

1. Has the government's attention been drawn to the loss of export business suffered by Canadian subsidiaries of United States chemical companies as alleged in recent newspaper reports on the grounds that the Canadian subsidiaries are not permitted to sell products abroad?

2. If so, has the government any knowledge of how widespread are such restrictions and what action is the government taking to deal with the matter?

**Answer:** 1. The reports referred to have been drawn to attention.

2. The Canadian chemical industry exports material worth approximately \$250 million per year or an average of 16 per cent of production. More than half of this total is attributed to subsidiaries of foreign firms.

The government encourages subsidiaries of foreign companies to export from Canada. Many of these subsidiaries participate in the department's trade fairs and trade missions programs. Market studies have been conducted on their behalf and trade opportunities have been discovered for them. Their response to this assistance has resulted in expansion of exports.

## ESKIMO CO-OPERATIVES

Question No. 1,758—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How many people are there working in the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources in the promotion of co-operatives among Eskimos and what areas do they cover?

2. How many Eskimo co-operatives have been organized and what is the location of each?

3. How much business do these co-operatives do according to the reports received by the department?

4. What plans do the department have for increasing the staff working on the promotion of Eskimo co-operatives?

**Mr. Laing:** 1. There are at present four people engaged in the promotion of co-operatives among Eskimos. Two additional positions are vacant at this time, one of which will be filled in early December, 1963; the other as soon as a suitable candidate can be found. The co-operative development offices cover the Northwest Territories and Arctic Quebec.

2. The following 18 Eskimo co-operative organizations have been established with the help of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources:

West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Cape Dorset, N.W.T.; George River Eskimo Fishermen's Co-operative, George River, P.Q.; Kikitaoyak Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Port Burwell, N.W.T.; Coppermine Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Coppermine, N.W.T.; Resolute Bay Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Resolute Bay,

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N.W.T.; Grise Fiord Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Grise Fiord, N.W.T.; Holman Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Holman, N.W.T.; Fort Chimo Co-operative Association, Fort Chimo, Quebec; Ekaloktotiak Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Cambridge Bay, N.W.T.; Great Whale River Co-operative Association, Great Whale River, P.Q.; Ikaluit Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.; Povungnituk Co-operative Society, Povungnituk, Quebec; Sisi Co-operative Ltd., Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.; Issatik Eskimo Co-operative Ltd., Whale Cove, N.W.T.; Innuvit Co-operative Ltd., Inuvik, N.W.T.; Aklavik Fur Garment Co-operative Ltd., Aklavik, N.W.T.; Aklavik Credit Union, Study Group, Aklavik, N.W.T.; Igloodik Co-operative Ltd., Igloodik, N.W.T.

3. Because of the different closing dates of the fiscal years for the various co-operatives, it is not possible to give definite turnover figures for any given year. It is estimated that during the fiscal year 1961-62, sales of nine co-operatives in existence at that time amounted to \$360,000.

Business turnover for 1962-63 is estimated at \$750,000. More definite figures are not available.

4. The department proposes to seek authority to employ one additional co-operative development officer in 1964-65.

## ESKIMO LOAN FUND

Question No. 1,760—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. How much money is there in the Eskimo loan fund?

2. How much money has been loaned to Eskimo communities from this fund to help them establish co-operatives?

3. How many loans have been made and for what periods of time?

4. At what rates were these loans made?

5. How much of the money loaned has been repaid?

**Mr. Laing:** 1. \$475,000.

2. \$274,000.

3. 122. A maximum period of five years for individuals and ten years for co-operatives.

4. Five per cent per annum.

5. \$60,253.

## INFANT MORTALITY RATE

Question No. 1,761—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What is the infant mortality rate (the number of deaths among each thousand babies born alive) in Canada?

2. What is the infant mortality rate in each province or territory in Canada?

3. How does the infant mortality rate in Canada compare with the infant mortality rates of the other countries which belong to the World Health Organization or the United Nations?