

Questions

Hon. Paul Martin (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes.

2. As at this date, Canadian government expenditures toward the total cost of building a deep water wharf with warehousing facilities in Kingstown, the capital of St. Vincent, total \$1,005,364.01.

3. Yes, on July 11, 1964.

4. N/A

5. No.

6. N/A.

SEIZURE OF STILL

Question No. 1,557—**Mr. Godin:**

1. In the case of the seizure of a still, who must pay for the costs of the investigation and trial?

2. Does the law allow the disposal of the seized goods before a verdict of guilty is delivered against the accused?

3. How are the seized goods disposed of?

4. If the seized goods are sold, who takes possession of the proceeds?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): 1. Investigation expenses are borne by the R.C.M. Police. Crown counsel is paid by the Department of National Revenue. If trial is by way of summary conviction and the accused is adjudged guilty, trial costs are assessed against the accused; if the accused is adjudged not guilty trial costs are borne by the R.C.M. Police. If trial is by indictment, costs up to and including the preliminary hearing are paid by the R.C.M. Police and subsequent costs are paid by the province.

2. Yes, but subject to the right of the person concerned to make a claim therefor and have the forfeiture adjudicated by the Exchequer Court.

3. Seized goods may be disposed of by release to a claimant, sale by tender or, destruction, if they have no commercial value.

4. The Receiver General of Canada.

SHORT WEIGHT SALES OF MEAT

Question No. 1,582—**Mr. Saltsman:**

In the period from April 1965 to April 1966, were any complaints regarding short weight selling of meat at the retail level received by the government and, if so (a) how many (b) how many of these complaints were placed by consumers (c) how many were placed by government officials and inspectors (d) what action was taken in regard to these complaints?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Yes: (a) statistics are not maintained on the number of complaints, nor on individual commodities; (b) see (a); (c) though not categorized as complaints, departmental inspections for short weight infrac-

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tions of all commodities, in the calendar year 1965, were made at 14,398 retail outlets; (d) all complaints from the public, or problems evident from the department's own program, are investigated and, where indicated, appropriate corrective action is taken by warning, and if necessary, prosecution.

WEIGHT INSPECTIONS OF MEAT SALES

Question No. 1,583—**Mr. Saltsman:**

In the period from April 1965 to April 1966, were any inspections in regard to accurate weight of meat products sold at the retail level carried out by the government and, if so (a) how many (b) how many infractions were noted (c) what action was taken in regard to these infractions?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce): Yes: (a) statistics on individual commodities are not maintained; a sampling of all short weight inspections projects approximately 171,000 meat packages were inspected; (b) a similar estimate would indicate approximately 10 per cent beyond tolerance; (c) such infractions are brought to the attention of traders, and follow-up shopping is done; if appropriate corrective action is not indicated, prosecutions are launched. In the calendar year 1965, 1641 retail outlets were shopped resulting in 115 prosecutions.

CENSUS OFFICIALS, SHERBROOKE CONSTITUENCY

Question No. 1,595—**Mr. Allard:**

1. What are the names and addresses of the census commissioners who have been appointed for the constituency of Sherbrooke?

2. Who recommended these commissioners?

3. Who was invited to nominate the commissioners in the constituencies?

4. What instructions were given to officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics concerning the appointment of commissioners?

5. By whom were said instructions given?

6. Have officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics called upon the public in each constituency, through the press, for the choice and the nomination of census commissioners and, if not, for what reason?

7. Who is responsible at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the census for the region to which Sherbrooke belongs and what is the address of his office?

8. Which officials of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics give instructions to the census commissioners and other census appointees for Sherbrooke and what are the addresses of these officials?

9. What are the employment requirements of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the census commissioners for the next census?

10. What are the salaries of the census commissioners and the people they employ?