

Questions

[English]

P.E.I.—FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO 1967-68
ANNUAL BUDGETQuestion No. 1,226—**Mr. Corbin:**

1. Approximately how much did the federal government contribute to the 1967-68 annual budget of the Province of Prince Edward Island, in the form of direct subsidies, special agreements, shared-cost programs, etc.?

2. What percentage of the total budget does this contribution represent?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. Federal conditional and unconditional transfers to Prince Edward Island amounted to \$27,714,000 in fiscal year 1967-68.

2. The federal transfers represented 57 per cent of the province's gross general revenue of \$48,499,000 for the 1967-68 fiscal year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FISHERIES AND FORESTRY
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES NOT TO ATTEND
MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLQuestion No. 1,348—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

Were any instructions or suggestions made to employees working for the Department of Fisheries and Forestry from anyone in the said Department that such employees were not to attend a public meeting in Prince Rupert, B.C. called for the purpose of discussing environmental control matters with representatives of the Society for Pollution and Environment Control and, if so (a) who gave such instructions or suggestions (b) by what authority (c) for what reason?

Mr. E. F. Whelan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): Yes. (a) The Regional Director of Fisheries in Vancouver. (b) The Regional Director is a senior officer who is responsible for the staff and work of the Fisheries Service in British Columbia. (c) It has not been the practice to attend the numerous public meetings of the Society for Pollution and Environment Control. Such meetings invariably centre around technical matters and involve our technical staffs based in Vancouver. The Regional Director has indicated that his people will gladly convene meetings with the Society for Pollution and Environment Control to discuss specific problems in this field and such meetings have already been held. This practice has my support.

ALLOTMENT OF \$75 MILLION FOR SEWAGE AND
WATER TREATMENT PROJECTSQuestion No. 1,527—**Mr. Gilbert:**

1. What is the appropriation, by province, regarding the \$75 million allotment on sewage and water

[Mr. Pepin.]

treatment capital projects under Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the present fiscal year?

2. What criteria was used for the above provincial distribution?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (for Hon. Robert K. Andras): 1. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation does not assist in financing the construction of water treatment projects. The provincial allocation for loans for sewage treatment projects for 1970 follows:

Province	Amount (\$000)
Newfoundland	—
Prince Edward Island	1,250
Nova Scotia	4,000
New Brunswick	1,250
Quebec	13,500
Ontario	25,000
Manitoba	5,000
Saskatchewan	5,000
Alberta	6,000
British Columbia	14,000

2. These provincial allocations are based on a percentage of the known requirements of municipalities in each province for 1970, with previous commitments made in each province being taken into consideration.

WHEAT ACREAGE REDUCTION PLAN

Question No. 1,545—**Mr. Southam:**

In relation to the government's Wheat Acreage Reduction Plan, what steps are being taken to meet the demand for a supply of forage crop seeds at a reasonable price?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): It is considered that domestic stocks of forage crop seed are adequate to meet necessary requirements for the program.

CANADA COUNCIL—GRANTS TO MARITIME
UNIVERSITIESQuestion No. 1,554—**Mr. Comeau:**

Is it the intention of the Canada Council to set up a program of grants which would help the less favoured Maritime universities to form research centres in the social sciences?

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Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): I am informed by the Canada Council as follows: In view of other demands on its current financial resources the Canada Council does not at present have plans to set up a program of this kind.