

ON THE JOB TRAINING OF GUARDS IN PENITENTIARIES

Question No. 1,245—Mr. Orlikow:

Who conducts the on the job training of guards hired to work in the penitentiaries?

Mr. Bell (Saint John-Albert): The on the job training of guards hired to work in penitentiaries is conducted by the squad leaders (keepers) under the over-all guidance of the staff training and safety officer.

GRANTS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE TRAINING

Question No. 1,246—Mr. Orlikow:

1. How much money has been allocated under the welfare training grants to help pay for the education of people desiring to improve their qualifications in the field of social work?

2. How many people are now at recognized professional schools under the provisions of these grants?

3. What are the amounts of the bursaries provided?

4. Has any money been allocated for research projects in the field of social service?

5. Have any plans been developed for research into appropriate use of sub-professional staff in the field of social welfare?

Mrs. Casselman: 1. \$225,000 will be available under the national welfare program in the current fiscal year for general welfare and professional training. It is proposed that this amount be increased to \$450,000 for the fiscal year 1963-64.

These funds will be made available for general welfare projects, teaching and field instruction projects, as well as for bursaries, staff training grants, scholarships, fellowships and staff development projects.

2. Funds were not available to initiate this program until the supplementary estimates were passed by the house on December 12, 1962. Following approval of funds by parliament, order in council P.C. 1963-15/1 was passed on January 3, 1963, setting out the nature and scope of the program under which these funds are to be made available. This information has been transmitted to the provincial welfare departments and to the schools of social work and projects for educational training in professional schools are now being received.

3. The welfare grants program makes provision for a provincial-federal scheme of bursaries and assistance for staff training. The value of the bursaries will be determined by the provincial welfare authorities with the federal government sharing up to a maximum of \$1,500 for a year plus \$500 for dependants. The federal government will also share the cost with the provinces of staff training grants

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designed to increase the qualifications of welfare personnel now employed in welfare programs.

Twenty welfare scholarships are to be offered by the federal government in 1963-64, valued up to \$2,000 for a year. These will be for graduate study in social work and will be offered to those persons who have completed their undergraduate studies with high academic standing and who have been accepted for a course of full time study by a school of social work. Ten welfare fellowships are also to be offered by the federal government in 1963-64, valued up to \$4,000 for a year plus \$500 for dependants. These will be for graduate study at Canadian and foreign universities and will be offered to persons who have demonstrated leadership qualities and ability of a high order in the fields of administration, teaching, and research in welfare in Canada. These fellowships will be available to persons holding a master's degree in social work.

4. \$25,000 will be available in the current fiscal year for welfare research work. It is proposed that this amount be increased to \$50,000 for the fiscal year 1963-64.

A research review committee and members for research review panels have been asked to serve in connection with the research grant program. It is anticipated that a considerable number of research projects will be available for consideration and evaluation within the next several weeks.

5. There is considerable interest across Canada in the question of the use of sub-professional staff in the field of social welfare. There is a national welfare organization, the commission on education and personnel, associated with the Canadian Welfare Council, which is preparing a research project relating to various aspects of the effective utilization of welfare personnel. The department is hopeful that this organization will include in its project this important matter of the utilization of sub-professional staff.

ADVANCES TO WORKERS IN INDIAN CRAFTS

Question No. 1,248—Mr. Brown:

Has the government made any provisions for advancing money to Indian-craft workers in winter-time for making objects to be sold to summer tourists?

Mr. McGee: Yes. The Indian affairs branch has in its appropriation funds to provide assistance to Indian handicrafts producers. The two major forms of assistance extended by the branch under its handicrafts development program are the provision of raw materials and supplies, and the purchase of finished craft products for resale during the primary selling season.