

## Questions

5. Is it the intention of the Combines Investigation Branch to test advertising claims made by manufacturing and other firms that "our gas gives better mileage" or that "our tires last longer", and similar advertising claims?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** 1. Jack Anthony was charged with an offence under section 33D of the Combines Investigation Act following an investigation initiated by the Director of Investigation and Research. It was considered that the information obtained in the inquiry disclosed *prima facie* evidence of an offence.

2. The advertisement published on an Ottawa television station on behalf of Mr. Anthony which gave rise to the charge claimed that a "new jet ignition unit with transistors" was "Engineered to give better gas mileage, easier starting and better performance".

3 and 4. The Office of the Director of Investigation and Research arranged for tests to be made by the National Research Council. The tests showed the performance claims advertised were not true.

5. The Director of Investigation and Research will investigate any advertising claim whenever he has reason to believe that any representation therein amounts to an offence against section 33c or 33D of the Combines Investigation Act.

## COLOUR TELEVISION SET FIRES

Question No. 236—**Mr. Mather:**

1. Has the Department of National Health and Welfare investigated reports of fires caused by colour television sets in the United States to determine whether similar occurrences have happened in Canada?

2. If so, what are the results of this investigation and what action is contemplated by the Department?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. Yes, the Department

has investigated reports about spontaneous fires in color and black-and-white TV sets in the United States.

2. Information received from U.S. government agencies and the Canadian Electronics Industries Association, indicates 700 cases of fire among about 85,000,000 TV sets in use. Comparable figures for Canada are not yet complete. Inquiries with provincial health departments and fire marshals have so far revealed at least 12 cases. No action is contemplated by the Department of National Health and Welfare at the present time. The Department has been informed that the Canadian Standards Association is actively discussing the problem with Canadian suppliers with a view to minimizing the hazard.

## APPOINTMENTS TO FEDERAL POSITIONS

Question No. 241—**Mr. Mather:**

In appointments to federal bodies, including the Economic Council of Canada, the Diplomatic Corps, the Judiciary, the Canadian Radio and Television Commission, is the government giving consideration to naming a due proportion of qualified women?

**Mr. J. E. Walker (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister):** Yes.

## AGRICULTURE—TASK FORCE STUDIES

Question No. 243—**Mr. Skoberg:**

1. What special studies have been commissioned by the federal task force on agriculture?

2. Were these studies competitively tendered and, if not, for what reason?

3. What firms and/or individuals conducted the commissioned special studies?

4. What was the completion date of such studies and how many are still being carried on?

5. What is the expected completion date of all such studies presently commissioned?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** 1, 3 and 4.

Title	Contractor	Completion Date
Structure & Productive Capacity of Canadian Agriculture	Prof. Van Vliet (Univ. of Saskatchewan, deceased)	(not completed)
Dairy Industry	Prof. Perkins (Univ. of Guelph)	18 October 1968
Livestock, Poultry and the Feed Grain Economy	Acres Research & Planning, Toronto	25 October 1968
Wheat and Oil Seeds Economy	Hedlin, Menzies, Winnipeg	23 December 1968
Fruit and Vegetable Industry	Dr. Riverin (Univ. of Sherbrooke)	20 November 1968

[Mr. Saltsman.]