

Questions

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AID TO SOUTH AMERICA

Question No. 1,796—**Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):**

1. What has been the total dollar value of aid from Canada to South America in 1963-64-65-66-67-68?

2. Of the total of Canadian aid to South American countries in 1968, what was the dollar value of foodstuffs and of that amount, what proportion included (a) cereals such as wheat (b) fish or fish meal?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. The total dollar value of Canadian aid allocations, all of which have been committed is as follows: 1964: \$10 million; 1965: \$10 million; 1966: \$10 million; 1967: \$10 million; 1968: \$10 million.

2. No commodities or foodstuffs have been provided under the Canadian development assistance program to South American countries.

INTEREST RATE TO PRODUCE
SUPERANNUATION BENEFITSQuestion No. 1,805—**Mr. Kaplan:**

Regarding all benefits paid out of the Superannuation Account of the Government of Canada either as amounts withheld from the pay of public servants "contributions" or as accretions to such

contributions "interest", what is the annual rate of interest required to pay the level of benefits currently provided for under the applicable regulations and what assumptions as to levels of final earnings are made to produce this rate?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): If the required credits to the Superannuation Account in addition to the contributions of public service employees and the statutory matching contribution by the Government were regarded as interest, the annual rate of interest in 1968-69 required would be approximately 8 percent.

If the statutory matching contribution by the Government were also regarded as "interest" the annual rate in 1968-69 would be approximately 10½ percent.

The assumptions as to levels of final earnings are set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the Report on Actuarial Examination of the Superannuation Account in the Consolidated Revenue Fund as at December 31, 1962.

POSTAL COSTS PER DELIVERY

Question No. 1,815—**Mr. Gleave:**

1. What is the annual cost per delivery on rural mail routes in (a) Saskatchewan (b) Alberta (c) Ontario?

2. How many individual boxes are there in each Province?

Hon. Eric W. Kierans (Minister of Communications): In so far as the Post Office Department is concerned:

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| Province | Postal District | Per Annum Cost Per Householder | 2. Number of Householders |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (a) Saskatchewan | Saskatoon | \$28.69 | 4,908 |
| | Edmonton | 27.57 | 14,556 |
| (b) Alberta | Calgary | 25.20 | 7,996 |
| | Edmonton | 27.57 | 14,556 |
| (c) Ontario | Ottawa | 19.72 | 77,023 |
| | Toronto | 16.61 | 87,012 |
| | London | 18.43 | 99,387 |
| | North Bay | 21.99 | 23,546 |

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COST OF GATHERING STATISTICS

Question No. 1,819—**Mr. Robinson:**

What is the annual cost to the federal government for gathering statistics?

[Mr. Kierans.]

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Total expenditures of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for the fiscal year 1967-68 were \$22,474,762, and for the fiscal year 1968-69 are estimated at \$24,900,000. This includes the cost of gathering, analysing, interpreting, tabulating and publishing the data collected. Accounts are not kept in a manner in which the gathering activity can be segregated.