

Questions

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR TRAINING AUDIOLOGISTS,
SPEECH THERAPISTS—SPEECH PATHOLOGISTSQuestion No. 64—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

1. What federal funding is being given at the present time to programs of training audiologists and speech therapists-speech pathologists in Canada?
2. What recommendations, if any, of the Health Services Report, 1963, concerning training programs in audiology and speech therapy have been implemented?
3. How many individuals are working in these occupations at the present time in Canada?
4. How much federal money is being apportioned to research into communication disorders in Canada at the present time?
5. How much federal money is being expended for bursaries, scholarships, etc., for students in training for audiology and speech pathology at the present time?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The Medical Research Council and Health and Welfare Canada assist two training programs in Canadian universities for speech therapists and audiologists. Assistance is currently (1971/72) being given as follows: University of Western Ontario, \$41,365; University of British Columbia, \$16,752.

2. In line with recommendations of Royal Commission on Health Services, financial assistance was expanded for speech therapy and audiology training and services. New training programs were established at University of Western Ontario and University of British Columbia.

3. The President of the Canadian Speech and Hearing Association estimated late in 1971, that there are approximately 600 qualified speech therapists and audiologists practising in Canada. This number meets the needs outlined in Volume II of the Royal Commission on Health Services, pp. 62-63:

"It has been estimated that between 400 and 500 additional speech therapists are needed . . ." as, ". . . in 1961, . . . there were between 100 and 125 qualified speech therapists in Canada . . .". The number of qualified therapists in Canada is expanding at the rate of 100-200 annually.

4. \$228,714.
5. \$203,203.59.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT DELAYS IN RECEIVING UIC
BENEFITSQuestion No. 94—**Mr. Marshall:**

How many inquiries have been received by Information Canada offices complaining about delays in receiving UIC benefits?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): Monthly reports itemizing feedback from the public show that a total of 287 complaints about Unemployment Insurance Commission services have been recorded by Information Canada centres, over the period September, 1971 to March, 1972 inclusive.

[Mr. Munro.]

ASSISTANCE BY INFORMATION CANADA WITH UIC
BENEFITSQuestion No. 96—**Mr. Marshall:**

What part has Information Canada played in directing information to Canadians who suffered delays in receiving UIC benefits?

Hon. Martin P. O'Connell (Minister of Labour): (a) Each Information Canada centre carries the three most recent UIC pamphlets for free distribution to the public: "Handbook for Employers", "Information for Claimants", "Story of the S.I.N. Number". (b) The majority of complaints have been registered at our Toronto and Montreal offices and have been concerned primarily with inability to reach UIC offices by phone. Our staff now takes down the enquirer's name, address, telephone number and social insurance number and forwards these through a special line to the appropriate UIC office for follow-up within 48 hours. This has been in effect since December, 1971 and appears satisfactory.

FUNDING OF DDH-280 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Question No. 180—**Mr. Forrestall:**

1. To what dollar levels has primary and secondary funding carried the DDH-280 construction program as of January 31, 1972?

2. What is the current anticipated total cost to the Canadian taxpayer for the four DDH-280 turned over after sea trials with full armament and spares to the Commander, Maritime Command for operational purposes for which they were designed?

3. What accounting does the Minister of Supply and Services give to the Canadian people for the acceleration in total cost of this program?

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Supply and Services as follows: 1. and 2. This information may be found in the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence No. 8, dated 28 March, 1972, at pages 6-8, and No. 10 dated 19 April, 1972, at pages 24-30.

3. The Minister of Supply and Services makes an accounting each year to the Miscellaneous Estimates Committee on all of his Department's operations when his main estimates are before that committee. On April 18, 1972, the Minister made the following statement before this parliamentary committee with relation to the DDH-280 Program:

"On the DDH project, the fitting-out of the four destroyers is progressing satisfactorily and deliveries are forecast for July, August, and December of this year, with the last ship being delivered by early June 1973. The comprehensive approach taken to the management of this project should make it possible for the four ships to be completed within the cost-ceiling, approved in the fall of 1970, of \$252 million."

In addition to this the following information was included in the Supplementary Data on the Supply Program of the department which was tabled with the committee and which appear as an appendix to the proceedings on the meeting on that date:

"The department has formed an integrated organization with DND officers under the leadership of a naval captain, to apply project management principles to the acquisition program for four DDH-280 class destroyers. Improved planning, guidelines and systematic cost tracking have been applied which provide assur-