

## Questions

are exported to many countries for use in their processing and service industries. It is not possible to establish what proportion of such exports may ultimately find their way into defence production.

## COST OF MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY HOSPITALS

Question No. 1,849—**Mr. Caouette:**

What was the amount paid annually during the past five years for the maintenance of military hospitals in Canada?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of National Defence and the Department of Veterans Affairs as follows: Records in the Department of National Defence are not maintained in a manner which would permit this information to be readily available. However, for the fiscal year 1969-70, building upkeep and utility costs covering the National Defence Medical Centre, Ottawa, Canadian Forces' Hospitals, Halifax, Kingston, Cold Lake and Esquimalt totalled \$555,700. Veterans' hospi-

tals operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs: 1965-66, \$36,624,572; 1966-67, \$36,518,378; 1967-68, \$36,271,837; 1968-69, \$41,741,338; 1969-70, \$37,606,618.

## TRAVELLER'S BUILDING, WINNIPEG—SPACE RENTED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Question No. 1,860—**Mr. Rowland:**

1. Has the federal government rented space in the Traveller's Building, 283 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, and, if so, for what period of time?
2. What was the amount of the annual rental fee paid for each of the years during which the federal government rented space?
3. Which department occupied the space during each year?
4. What was the total floor space rented in each year?
5. To what use was the space put in each year?

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works):** So far as the Department of Public Works is concerned:

1. Yes. For 10 years commencing October 1, 1954.
2. \$54,000.

3. Dates of Occupancy	Number of Square Feet
October 1, 1954 to October 14, 1961	30,000
March 1, 1964 to July 31, 1964	22,000

4. 30,000 square feet.

5. Answered in Part 3.

## Tenant

Unemployment Insurance Commission

Canada Number Registration Programme, conducted by the Unemployment Insurance Commission and Department of National Revenue (Taxation Division))

## ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS BY DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Question No. 1,872—**Mr. Robinson:**

How many consultants have been engaged by the Department of External Affairs during each year 1950 to 1970 inclusive (a) what was the cost of the consultants (b) how were the consultants utilized (c) for what reasons were the consultants necessary?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):**

The Records covering fiscal years 1950-51 to 1963-64 were destroyed. From 1964-65 to 1970-71, the number of consultants engaged was as follows: 1964-65, 6; 1965-66, 9; 1966-67, 5; 1967-68, 9; 1968-69, 9; 1969-70, 11; 1970-71, 5. (a) 1964-65, \$14,592.00; 1965-66, \$25,711.00; 1966-67, \$18,523.00; 1967-68, \$58,466.00;

1968-69, \$82,213.00; 1969-70, \$36,542.00; 1970-71, \$18,558.00. (b) The consultants have produced research, studies and analyses in such fields as international law and cultural affairs. (c) These persons were employed so that the Department of External Affairs could take advantage of their expertise and have them complete projects or studies which the Department could not undertake with its sole resources.

## EFFICIENCY STUDY ON PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

Question No. 1,878—**Mr. Saltzman:**

Has the National Energy Board conducted any efficiency studies on public ownership of the gas and oil industry to determine whether or not public ownership would be beneficial and, if not, will the appropriate Minister direct the National Energy