

GRANTS TO HEALTH LEAGUE

Question No. 1,836—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

What assistance, financial or otherwise, has been provided by the federal government to the health league of Canada in each of the last five years?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Officers of the Department of National Health and Welfare co-operate with the health league of Canada by providing, on request, data on certain aspects of illness and health in Canada and by suggesting sources of additional information. The department also assists the league in publicizing special programs, such as health week and immunization week, through the publication of appropriate items in departmental periodicals, such as "Canada's Health and Welfare", "Canada's Mental Health" and the "Health Education Bulletin."

An annual grant of \$15,000 is made to this organization.

GRANTS TO ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CHILDREN

Question No. 1,837—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

What assistance, financial or otherwise, has been provided by the federal government to the Canadian association for retarded children in each of the last five years?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The Canadian association for retarded children is assisted by the Department of National Health and Welfare in several ways. There is formal and informal consultation on matters such as research and public information. Officers of the mental health and child and maternal health divisions of the department have served regularly on the association's scientific research advisory board.

Since 1959-60 an annual grant has been made to this organization of \$5,000. The estimates for the current year provide for an increase in this grant to \$15,000.

GRANT TO COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION

Question No. 1,839—Mr. Webster:

1. Does the federal government make a contribution to the Canadian council for research in education and, if so, how much?

2. Who has been appointed to organize the scientific secretariat announced on April 30, 1964, by the Prime Minister and how large a staff has been appointed to assist him?

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (President of the Privy Council): 1. No.

2. Professor F. A. Forward assumed the duties of director of the scientific secretariat

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effective July 1, 1964. To date no other staff has been appointed apart from the provision of a secretary to the director.

LICENSING OF CONTRACTORS FOR INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY

Question No. 1,842—Mr. Howe (Hamilton South):

1. What action is the atomic energy control board taking to control the qualifications and licensing of outside industrial contractors for industrial radiography?

2. What safety regulations does the atomic energy control board prescribe for such contractors?

3. Are these safety regulations enforced and, if so, how are they enforced?

Hon. C. M. Drury (Minister of Industry): 1. Under the atomic energy control regulations no person may obtain or use radioactive materials in Canada without a licence from the atomic energy control board. A licence is not granted to an industrial contractor to use radioactive materials for radiography purposes until the board's advisers in the federal and provincial health departments are satisfied that he has suitable radiography and protective equipment and is experienced in the safe handling of radioactive materials. Moreover, any licence issued contains the condition that no employee be permitted to carry out radiography operations unsupervised until he has received adequate training in the fundamentals of radiation protection and the use of protective equipment as well as training in the use and maintenance of radiography equipment. The board and its advisers accept the Canadian government standards certification as proof of such training and the contractors concerned have been notified that the board will shortly require all radiographers, except those in training, to have such certification.

2. A radiography licence issued by the board requires the licensee to comply with the health and safety provisions of the atomic energy control regulations as well as additional safety precautions recommended by the board's health advisers.

3. These regulations and additional requirements are enforced by officers of the Department of National Health and Welfare, provincial departments of health and provincial departments of labour acting as board inspectors. In addition, the Department of National Revenue (customs) assists the board by preventing the importation of radioactive materials by other than board licensees.