

Order Paper Questions

EXTENSION OF SERVICES OF PENSIONS ADVOCATE SECTION TO HANDLE APPEALS

Question No. 960—**Mr. Jones:**

1. What studies and/or considerations have been given to extend the services of the Pensions Advocate Section of the Department of Veterans Affairs to handle appeals under the Canada Pension Plan, the Unemployment Insurance Act and other such appeals under similar Acts and regulations?

2. Have studies and/or consideration been given to set up a service similar to that of the Pensions Advocate Section of DVA for appeals to review committees, administrative tribunals and pension boards under the Canada Pension Plan, the Unemployment Insurance Act and other similar Acts and regulations?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: 1. There have been no studies or consideration made within the Canada Pension Plan Administration to extend the services of the Pensions Advocate Section of the Department of Veterans Affairs to handle appeals under the Canada Pension Plan.

2. No studies or consideration have been made within the Canada Pension Plan Administration to set up a service similar to that of the Pensions Advocate Section of the Department of Veterans Affairs for appeals to Review Committees. (Under the Plan, any applicant or beneficiary has the right to appeal decisions with which he is dissatisfied by appealing first to the Minister of National Health and Welfare; secondly, to a local tribunal, or Review Committee; and finally, to the Pension Appeals Board. Provision has been made in Bill C-22, which was proclaimed January 1, 1975, for payment of legal expenses of the parties required to appear before the Pension Appeals Board made by the Minister against the decision of a Review Committee).

In so far as the Unemployment Insurance Commission is concerned: 1. None.

2. Yes, but the studies have not yet been completed.

NATIONAL DEFENCE—JOB POSITIONS FOR WOMEN

Question No. 971—**Mr. Forrestall:**

With reference to the announcement by the Minister of Defence that the ceiling on the number of women in the Forces will be removed and that they will be eligible for 82 of the total of 121 job positions, what are the 39 exclusions?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): Women are eligible for all trades except sea going duties, isolated postings, and combat roles. The categories excluded for women are as follows: Officer Classifications: Armour, Artillery, Infantry, Air Navigator, Pilot, Maritime Engineering, Flight Engineer, Chaplain (Roman Catholic), Maritime Surface and Sub-surface. Other Ranks Trades: Crewman (Armour), Artilleryman, Infantryman, Field Engineer, Lineman (Signals), Weaponman Surface, Weaponman Underwater, Weapons Surface Technician, Weapons Underwater Technician, Firecontrolman, Firecontrol Technician, Observer, Flight Engineer, Intelligence Operator, Meteorological Technician (Operational), Topographical Surveyor, Map Reproduction Technician (Operational), Boatswain, Radioman (Sea), Communications Technician (Sea), Signalmen (Sea), Radar Plotter (Sea), Radar Technician (Sea), Communications Research (Northern posting), Marine Engineering Technician, Hull Technician, Electrical Technician, Clearance Diver, Sonarman (Sea), Sonar Technician (Sea).

IMPORTS OF EXOTIC CATTLE

Question No. 1,043—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. During each of the past three years for which statistics are available, by province, how many (a) applications were received (b) permits were granted for importation of exotic breeds of cattle to (i) private individuals (ii) artificial insemination units?

2. What are all the factors taken into account in accepting or rejecting applications for such import permits?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1.

Province	1972-73 Importation Year			
	Applications Received	A.I. Units	Private Parties	Permits Issued Total
Newfoundland	9	—	—	—
Prince Edward Island	20	—	1	1
Nova Scotia	24	—	2	2
New Brunswick	21	—	5	5
Quebec	49	6	7	13
Ontario	125	7	40	47
Manitoba	138	2	78	80
Saskatchewan	267	—	136	136
Alberta	769	9	328	337
British Columbia	60	3	29	32
Total	1,482	27	626	653