

*Questions*  
ABORTIONS

Question No. 2,063—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

1. How many letters were received by the Minister of Justice during the period May 1 to June 15, 1970 (a) in favour of liberalizing laws in relation to abortion (b) opposed to liberalizing laws in relation to abortion?

2. What is the estimated number of illegal abortions performed in Canada during the fiscal year 1969-70?

3. How many registered physicians have been brought to trial during the fiscal year 1969-70 on charges involving abortion?

4. How many physicians have been convicted and what have been the penalties imposed in each case?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Department of Justice and the Dominion Bureau of Statistics as follows:

1. (a) 35; (b) 20.

2. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics cannot estimate the number of illegal abortions performed in Canada as statistics are not collected on this. However, the following information is available, but not for the 1969-70 fiscal year: (i) The number of deaths in which the underlying cause was abortion. (ii) The number of cases for which abortion was given as the primary reason for care in hospitals (not broken down into spontaneous and induced abortions) (iii) The number of convictions in Canadian courts for abortions and attempted abortions.

3. and 4. Information not available.

Milk, cream and by-products, powdered (class 51-59)

1968		1969		1970 (January-April)	
	Cwt.		Cwt.		Cwt.
Belgium-Lux.	12,010	Ireland	2,582	Ireland	575
Germany, W.	2,202	Belgium-Lux	23,718	Belgium-Lux	10,207
Netherlands	35	Germany, W.	8,671	Germany, W.	1,467
New Zealand	45,491	New Zealand	23,076	New Zealand	5,493
United States	21,376	United States	18,006	United States	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,114</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>76,053</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,242</b>

3. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics does not tabulate separate data on imports of margarine. Statistics on this commodity are included in class 120-49 "Shortening". Imports as recorded in this class in 1968 and 1969 are as follows:

[Mr. Jerome.]

IMPORTATION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS,  
EGGS AND HOGS

Question No. 2,064—**Mr. Gauthier:**

1. (a) What quantity of butter was imported into Canada in 1969 and from which countries (b) what quantity was imported during the first two quarters of 1970?

2. What quantity of powdered milk was imported into Canada in 1968, 1969, 1970, to date and from which countries?

3. What quantity of margarine entered Canada in 1968 and 1969?

4. How many eggs did Canada import from the United States in 1968 and 1969?

5. How many hogs were imported into Canada in 1968 and 1969?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that: 1. (a) The quantities of butter imported into Canada from each country in 1969 appear on the table below:

Butter (class 51-09) January-December 1969  
Quantity (Cwt.)

Australia	6,720
New Zealand	26,880
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,600</b>

(b) In the first four months of 1970 for which data are available, no imports of butter were recorded.

2. Separate statistics are not compiled on imports of powdered milk, these being included in D.B.S. commodity class 51-59 "Milk, cream and by-products, powdered". Data for this class for 1968, 1969 and 1970 to date are listed below:

Shortening (class 120-49)

1968 (Lb.)		1969 (Lb.)	
Sweden	315,883	Greece	6,570
U.S.	4,575,031	Sweden	386,068
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,890,914</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,042,960</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5,435,598</b>