

SUBSIDIES AND INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE LOANS

Question No. 2,436—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. How much money has been given to each of the countries of Senegal, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Upper Volta in the fiscal years 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, in the form of (a) Canadian International Development Agency grants (b) International Development Assistance loans?

2. What, if any, special programs has the government initiated or participated in to assist these countries affected by a disastrous drought?

3. What has the cost of these programs been to date?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** 1. During fiscal years 1970-71, 1971-72 and 1972-73 we have paid the following amounts in the form of subsidies and loans to the countries listed below:

Country	Gifts		
	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
	\$	\$	\$
Chad	248,600	262,100	237,900
Mali	104,800	725,148	203,200
Mauritania	47,000	104,700	83,800
Niger	2,465,400	1,582,632	1,874,100
Senegal	3,182,200	5,381,200	4,507,000
Upper Volta	84,800	499,700	454,500

Country	Loans		
	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73
	\$	\$	\$
Chad	—	—	—
Mali	—	—	—
Mauritania	—	—	—
Niger	—	5,608,300	5,966,900
Senegal	—	—	339,000
Upper Volta	—	—	—

2. Bilateral donors including Canada were asked to provide strong support for the emergency aid effort coordinated by FAO for the African countries of the Sahel region. Canada agreed to allot an additional \$3.8 million in food aid over and above the amount of \$3 million already allocated for fiscal year 1973-74 for the Francophone countries of the Sahel region. The total amount of \$6.8 million in food aid will be distributed as follows: \$1 million, Senegal; \$1 million, Niger; \$1 million, Upper Volta; \$1.2 million, Mauritania; \$1.4 million, Mali; \$1.2 million, Chad. To avoid congestion in the principal ports serving the Sahel region, Canadian food aid will be shipped in accordance with the operations schedule set up by FAO. In addition, Canada has sent three Hercules transport aircraft to transport supplies from the entry ports to the disaster areas in the interior because of difficulties in traditional methods of transport caused by the rainy season. By these means it will be possible to ensure delivery of a greater share of the available aid to the population remote from the large centres.

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3. The additional bilateral allocation in food aid made by Canada to the six stricken countries of the Sahel region totals \$3.8 million. This amount does not include the sending and use of three Hercules transport aircraft for more than a month.

NUMBER OF POSTAL BOXES IN WINNIPEG

Question No. 2,461—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. How many post boxes are there in Winnipeg's 11 postal stations and, of this number, how many are currently rented out to the public?

2. Is there a waiting list of persons wishing to rent post boxes at any of the 11 stations and, if so, how long is the list?

3. What does it cost to rent a box at each of these stations?

4. Is it the intention of the government to make more post boxes available for rent by the public in Winnipeg and throughout the rest of the country?

**Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General):** 1. two thousand two hundred sixty-eight; 2,129 rented.

2. Yes, there is a waiting list of 80 applicants as follows: Main Post Office, 61; Station "B", 9; Station "C", 1; Norwood Grove, 3; St. Boniface, 4; St. Vital, 2. The waiting list includes those to whom vacant boxes have been offered but from whom confirmations have not been received. A few days is allowed following an offer of a box before offering it to the next name on the waiting list.

3. Post Office boxes are available in five sizes with annual rates as follows:

Post Offices Not Having Door-to-Door Delivery by Letter Carrier	\$		Post Offices Having Door-to-Door Delivery by Letter Carrier	\$
	4.00		A	8.00
	6.00		B	10.00
	10.00		C	15.00
	15.00		D	25.00
	20.00		E	35.00

4. Every possible effort is made to ensure that lock boxes are made available to the public not only in Winnipeg, but for all of Canada. In some cases, an increase of lock boxes would involve major renovations. However, as the demand for boxes are made, every effort is made to accommodate customers.

FEDERAL PENITENTIARIES—OVERTIME PAYMENTS

Question No. 2,477—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

How much money was expended for overtime payments to the staffs of federal penitentiaries during June 1972 and June 1973?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** June 1972, \$288,182; June 1973, \$525,762.

NOTES: 1. There are 2,345 Correctional Officers in 46 federal penal institutions.

2. Of the total overtime paid to staffs of federal penitentiaries for June 1973, \$503,435 was paid to Correctional