

Questions

Mr. D. R. Tolmie (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, in view of the lengthy answer, I wonder if hon. members will agree to have it recorded in *Hansard*.

Mr. Speaker: Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Editor's note: The abovementioned answer reads as follows:]

1. The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has taken action under the Hazardous Products Act with respect to clothing flammability as follows: (a) Effective November 2, 1971, it became an offence to sell any consumer article of any kind containing a dangerously flammable textile. A burning test procedure is used to classify textiles of this category. Briefly, a 3.5 second burning time limit has been established for a 5-inch length of material under prescribed test conditions. (b) Effective November 2, 1971, a more severe regulation was established for children's nightwear. In this instance the burning time using the same test procedure is set at a minimum of seven seconds.

2. Statistical information on the number of burn cases and their degrees attributable to specific causes such as textiles is not available in Canada at present. Accident statistics have in large measure been medically oriented. In order to make most effective use of the Hazardous Products Act, information on events leading to injuries is required along with details of offending agents. To correct this situation the Department has in recent months initiated discussions with provincial authorities and hospitals for the purpose of setting up a reporting system which will permit acquisition of such information.

3. For reasons stated in the reply to part 2 of the question, it has not been possible to obtain this information.

4. In addition to the regulations with respect to clothing listed under Part I of this question, regulations have been issued under the Hazardous Products Act which establish flammability limits for bedding and toys. Work is in progress to develop flammability regulations for a wider range of clothing, carpets and mattresses, and to continue study of the use of fire retardant treatment of textiles.

SCIENCE COUNCIL OF CANADA—DUTIES OF MR. HUNKA

Question No. 103—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. What are the duties of Mr. Hunka of the Science Council of Canada?

2. What is his salary?

3. Is he bilingual?

4. Has the government received any written or verbal reports regarding the discriminatory attitude of that official with respect to certain French-speaking civil servants?

5. What was Mr. Hunka's salary for each of the past five years and were his salary increases in accordance with those granted to equivalent positions?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of State for Science and Technology): In so far as the Science Council is concerned, our replies are as follows: 1. Chief of Administration.

2. In the range \$18,400-\$22,100 per annum.

[Mr. Rynard.]

3. No.

4. None. On the contrary, he has paid special heed to the government's policy on bilingualism and has, in large part, been responsible for the fact that the Science Council has a higher than average percentage of bilingual persons on its staff.

5. As there are no equivalent positions on the staff of the Science Council, this question is considered as 'not applicable'.

FUNDS FOR DRUG ABUSE CAMPAIGN AND ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN

Question No. 342—**Mr. Rynard:**

1. Was the drug abuse campaign fund reduced for the fiscal year 1972-73 and, if so, for what reason?

2. Were the Department of National Health and Welfare anti-smoking program funds doubled for the fiscal year 1972-73 and, if so, for what reason?

3. What was the breakdown in spending for (a) the drug abuse program (b) the anti-smoking campaign for the fiscal year 1971-72?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. No. Funds for 1971/72 totalled \$4,843,000. (This includes \$520,000 Summer Students Projects). Funds approved for the Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate for 1972/73 total \$5,330,000. (This includes \$632,000 Summer Students Projects).

2. Yes. Funds for 1971/72 totalled \$173,000. Funds approved for 1972/73 total \$386,000. This increase of more than 100 per cent will allow for expanded research and education activities.

3. Final expenditures are not yet available for 1971/72.

COST OF REFIT OF HMCS *BONAVENTURE*

Question No. 384—**Mr. MacRae:**

What was the estimated cost of the refit of HMCS *Bonaventure* before its disposal?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Defence): This information may be found in the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts of the First Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament, including the Third Report of the said Committee which appeared in *Votes and Proceedings* No. 122, May 13, 1970.

CITIZENSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR PROSPECTIVE CITIZENS THROUGH POST OFFICES

Question No. 391—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Will the government consider supplying local post offices with applications for citizenship so that prospective citizens will not find it necessary to take a day off work to apply?

2. Will the government consider providing staff assistance through the post office to help applicants for citizenship to complete their application forms?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): 1. The government has now under consideration a plan to make citizenship information and application forms more readi-