

ANTIBIOTICS

Question No. 597—**Mr. Mitges:**

What is the Department of National Health and Welfare's policy regarding new antibiotics used for human medication and their use for disease prevention and/or growth promotants in animals?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Before new antibiotics may be sold in Canada, proof of their safety and efficacy must be established. If the antibiotic is used in human therapy, the results of clinical trials are required as part of a submission before the granting of a notice of compliance. If used in veterinary medicine for disease prevention, the submission requires proof of all claims. The new antibiotic could not be sold for growth promotion if it is useful in human therapy.

FIELD CROP ASSISTANCE

Question No. 598—**Mr. Howie:**

Since April 1, 1977, what amount was paid to farmers in New Brunswick to assist with field crops?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Since April 1, 1977, assistance to farmers in New Brunswick is as follows: \$7,475,496 was paid by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. \$3,917,600 in repayable advances under the Advance Payments for Crops Program. The repayable advances incurred a cost of \$134,360 to the department in interest charges which are not required for recovery from the producers. \$31,086 in contributions to premiums under the Crop Insurance Program. \$54,931 was provided under the Fruit and Vegetable Storage Construction Financial Assistance Program.

FRUIT FARMING ASSISTANCE

Question No. 601—**Mr. Howie:**

Since April 1, 1977, what amount was paid to farmers in New Brunswick to assist with fruit farming?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): A total of \$2,525.59 was paid by the Agricultural Stabilization Board to farmers in New Brunswick to assist with fruit farming.

HEALTH AND WELFARE (LAWYERS ON STAFF)

Question No. 614—**Mr. Howie:**

How many lawyers are employed on staff in the Department of National Health and Welfare?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): There is one lawyer employed on staff in the Department of National Health and Welfare.

In addition, there are five lawyers seconded to this department from the Department of Justice.

AGRICULTURE CANADA PUBLIC RELATIONS

Question No. 627—**Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, publicity or media relations, are employed on staff in the Department of Agriculture?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Twenty-six.

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE PUBLICITY

Question No. 635—**Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, publicity or media relations, are employed on staff in the Department of National Health and Welfare?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: 21.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PUBLICITY

Question No. 640—**Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, publicity or media relations, are employed on staff in the Department of External Affairs?

Mr. Louis Duclos (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): Including both program and support staff, 18 departmental employees are currently involved in public relations and media activities oriented towards provision of information on Canadian foreign policy and international relations and departmental services and activities to the Canadian media and general public.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION PUBLICITY

Question No. 642—**Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, publicity or media relations, are employed on staff in the Department of Employment and Immigration?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Personnel records of the Canada Employment and Immigration Department are not maintained in such a manner as to facilitate extraction of the requested information. There are, however, 83 persons employed as information officers.

CHILD ABUSE STUDIES

Question No. 649—**Mr. Howie:**

From January 1, 1977 to date, were studies done for the Department of National Health and Welfare by outside consultants regarding child neglect or abuse?

Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Studies done for the Department of National Health and Welfare by outside consultants regarding child abuse are outlined as listed below.

National Health Research and Development Program

Projects Funded Re: Child Abuse—76/77 to 79/80

Title of Project—Department and Institution—Principal Investigator (s)	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80
A Family Aid project for parents with a high risk of Child Abuse—Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary—Dr. V. C. MacMurray, Dr. J. R. Brummitt and Dr. P. H. Cunningham (Demonstration).	10,754	45,130	14,481	—