wick and, if so, in each case (i) what were they (ii) how many persons were given direct summer employment and what were the wages (iii) what was the cost?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): In 1976, the Department of National Health and Welfare sponsored summer student employment through the following channels: The Health Activities Summer Employment Program (HASEPS) provided students with work experience in the health field through the funding of projects undertaken by volunteer health and health related organizations. The Non-Medical Use of Drugs Support to Community Agencies Program provided students with employment through

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projects funded for the purpose of gathering and distributing information on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs or evaluating the existing programs and services. The aim of the program was to support communities in their endeavours to cope with problems of drug abuse with a high priority given to problems related to abuse of alcohol. Through normal direct summer hiring the department was able to provide summer employment to students. (a) and (b) (i), (ii) and (iii):

(i)	(ii)		(iii)
	Number of Students	Wages and Benefits	Operational Costs
HASEPS Program			
Canada New Brunswick	381 21	\$575,139.34 \$ 29,246.47	\$47,113.03 \$ 2,012.00
Non-Medical Use of Drugs Support to Community Agencies Program			
Canada New Brunswick	194 10	\$388,666.00 \$ 17,091.00	\$62,104.00 \$ 1,264.00
Direct Departmental Hiring			
Canada			operational costs
New Brunswick	nil Total Number of Students 692	\$297,648.60 nil Total Wages and Benefits \$1,261,453.94	New Brunswick nil Total Operational Costs \$109,217.03

Note: (iii) Operational Costs: HASEPS: Operational costs for projects were allowed for approved HASEPS projects in an amount not to exceed 10 per cent of salary expenses. These costs covered expenses for the successful completion of a project such as printing, travel, telephone, rental of equipment and office supplies. The Non-Medical Use of Drugs Support to Community Agencies Program: Operational costs represent expenditures incurred by projects such as rental of premises, telephone, transportation, printing and office supplies. Operational costs were not to exceed 15 per cent of salary expenses. Normal direct summer hiring: The cost for direct departmental hiring involved the use of continuing departmental staff and hence is not separately identifiable.

PONCEAU SX (RED DYE No. 4)

Question No. 1,848—Mr. Yewchuk:

By category and brand, to which prepared foods on sale in Canada is it permitted for a manufacturer to add Ponceau SX (Red Dye No. 4)?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Ponceau SX may be added to the following categories of foods: fruit Peel; glazed fruits; maraschino cherries. The Food and Drug Regulations do not, at present, require manufacturers of food products to inform the Health Protection Branch of the presence of this colour in their products.

FOREIGN CONTRACTS FOR COIN PRODUCTION

Question No. 1,860—Mr. Huntington:

- 1. Are the new foreign contracts for coin production with Bangladesh, Barbados, Costa Rica, Israel, Nicaragua, Panama and Portugal on a cash payment basis and, if not, are they financed through CIDA and/or EDC?
- 2. If such contracts are financed through CIDA and/or EDC, what are the terms in each case?
- Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by Supply and Services Canada and Export Development Corporation as follows: 1. The only contract assisted financially by CIDA is the one with the government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.
- 2. CIDA, through a commodity grant, has participated in the Bangladesh order by providing shipping costs and metals from which the coins are made. The Government of Bangladesh pays the RCM for all other production costs via an irrevocable Letter of Credit.

1 and 2. Export Development Corporation has no contract.

HANSEN'S DISEASE

Question No. 1,932—Mr. Epp:

- 1. How many documented cases of Hansen's disease (Leprosy) exist at the present time in (a) British Columbia (b) Alberta (c) Saskatchewan (d) Manitoba (e) Ontario (f) Quebec (g) New Brunswick (h) Nova Scotia (i) Prince Edward Island (j) Newfoundland?
- 2. How many documented cases of Hansen's disease existed in Canada in (a) 1965 (b) 1970 (c) 1975?