tives as much as possible in the formulation and implementation of agricultural and rural development policies and this procedure will be continued.

UNUTILIZED LIP FUNDS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ouestion No. 1,354-Mr. McKinnon:

As of the completion of the assessment-approval phase of the Local Initiatives Programme in British Columbia, by constituency, how much was returned for re-allocation?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The assessment—approval phase of the Local Initiatives Program has not been completed, and, because of the supplementary allocation to the program, will be prolonged for another few weeks. Until its completion, the amount of unutilized funds available for redistribution cannot be ascertained.

REPLACEMENT OF SENNEVILLE LODGE, QUEBEC

Question No. 1,369—Mr. Herbert:

- 1. Is the decision on the construction of a replacement of Senneville Lodge in Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, dependent upon the transfer of Queen Mary Veterans Hospital in Montreal, for which there is agreement in principle, rather than on the neighbouring Ste. Anne de Bellevue Veterans Hospital where there are no discussions taking place at this time about the transfer and, if so, for what reason?
 - 2. How many veteran patients are in each of the three locations?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): 1. The decision on the construction of a replacement of Senneville Lodge, Senneville, Quebec, is not dependent on the transfer of Queen Mary Veterans Hospital in Montreal.

2. Ste. Anne's Hospital, 845; Senneville Lodge, 136; Queen Mary Veterans Hospital, 219.

UIC—BENEFITS PAID TO VARIOUS INCOME CLASSES

Question No. 1,422—Mr. Lawrence:

For the 1975 taxation year, how many persons in Canada with a taxable income of (a) \$20,000 to \$25,000 (b) \$25,000 to \$50,000 (c) \$50,000 to \$100,000 (d) \$100,000 and over, received unemployment insurance benefits and, in each income class, what was the total amount paid?

Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): See reply to Question 1,049 answered this day.

[English]

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if questions Nos. 616, 742, 1038 and 1150 could be made orders for return, these returns would be tabled immediately. I might point out to the House that the reason in each case is because of the long and detailed nature of the answer.

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that these questions be deemed to have been made orders for returns?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—REGIONAL OFFICES

Ouestion No. 616—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):

- 1. (a) How many regional offices are maintained by the Department of Veterans Affairs (b) where is each located (c) for what area is each responsible?
- 2. On what date was each established and with how many personnel?
- 3. What is the present personnel strength of each office?
- 4. In addition to regional offices, are district or other sub-offices maintained and, if so (a) in what locations (b) how many?
- 5. Are the duties performed by those manning the regional and/or district offices line functions, in the chain of command from Ottawa to the operator in the field, or do they have other functions to perform and, if so, what are such functions?

Return tabled.

DREE—ASSISTANCE TO NOVA SCOTIA PROJECTS

Ouestion No. 742-Mr. Muir:

- 1. What projects has the Department of Regional Economic Expansion assisted municipal units to undertake in Nova Scotia and, in each case, what was the (a) municipal unit (b) project (c) amount of the assistance?
- 2. Are there projects for municipal units to which DREE has pledged assistance in Nova Scotia that have not as yet been undertaken and, if so, what (a) are the units (b) is the project (c) was the amount of assistance pledged?

Return tabled.

VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT AT AGE 60

Question No. 1,038—Mrs. Appolloni:

Did the Department of National Health and Welfare conduct a study on the possibility of allowing voluntary retirement at age 60 with relative benefits under the Canada Pension Plan and, if so, what were the conclusions?

Return tabled.

MAN-YEARS USED IN PREPARING WORKING PAPER ON PATENT LAW REVISION AND PROPOSED PATENT LAW

Question No. 1,150—Mr. Kempling:

- 1. How many man-years were used by the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in preparing the Working Paper on Patent Law Revision and the proposed Patent Law?
- 2. How many persons were involved in preparing the study and legislation and, how many (a) had an intimate knowledge of Patent Law (b) were economists (c) were from other disciplines and what were such disciplines?
- 3. Were consultations held with the Patent Institute of Canada, patent attorneys, patent agents and Canadian Patent and Development Ltd. and, if so (a) on what date (b) in what locations (c) who was in attendance?
- 4. What was the total cost of (a) the Working Paper (b) all salaries and wages (c) consultants fees (d) printing and preparation (e) administrative costs?
- 5. How many briefs were received from the (a) private sector (b) government agencies on the proposed Patent Law Revision and draft legislation and, in each case, what is the name of all those who made submissions?

Return tabled.