

2. When was the last contract awarded for the supplying of ball point pens, what was the amount of the contract and how many pens were involved?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): 1. Yes. (a) Yes. (i) Three; (ii) \$66,594; 69,015; 85,119; (iii) Tenders were requested from all firms considered to be in a position to supply. (b) The contract was awarded on February 3, 1972 to the lowest bidder Eagle North-Rite, Ltd., Montreal for \$66,594. (c) 1,452,960 pens.

2. The previous contract for 364,320 ball point pens was awarded on June 25, 1971 in the amount of \$18,216 to the lowest bidder, Venus Pencil Co. Ltd., Toronto.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION
OF OVERHEAD BRIDGE AT GOLDEN, B.C.

Question No. 332—**Mr. Stewart (Okanagan-Kootenay):**

Did the government contribute towards the construction of a recently completed overhead bridge at Golden, British Columbia and, if so, in what amount?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The Canadian Transport Commission advises as follows: The Railway Transport Committee authorized the construction of two overhead bridges at Golden B.C. at the following locations: Golden Access Road, mileage 35.3 Mountain Subdivision C.P.R.—Order No. R-577 dated November 14, 1967; and, Highway No. 95, mileage 165.6 Windermere Subdivision C.P.R.—Order No. R-1277 dated January 30, 1968 and R-9066 dated June 9, 1970. A contribution from the Railway Grade Crossing Fund in the amount of \$500,000 was authorized for each project. However, accounts for these projects have not been submitted and no payments have been made.

INCENTIVE GRANTS FOR FACILITIES IN OKANAGAN,
EAST AND WEST KOOTENAY REGIONS

Question No. 334—**Mr. Stewart (Okanagan-Kootenay):**

1. How many grants were authorized under the Area Development Incentives Act for facilities in the Okanagan area of British Columbia, and what is the total amount of these grants?

2. Under the Regional Development Incentives Act, how many grants have been authorized by the Department of Regional Economic Expansion for facilities in (a) the East Kootenay (b) the West Kootenay regions?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1. Fifty-seven; \$19,244,139 total incentive.

2. (a) eight; (b) nine.

CANADA STUDENT LOANS PLAN

Question No. 339—**Mr. Hales:**

1. How many student loans have been returned to the government from chartered banks as uncollectable for each year from the inception of the Canada Student Loans Plan to March 31, 1971?

2. For what amounts are these loans?

3. For what reasons were they written off as uncollectable?

4. What amount was collected by professional collection agencies and what percentage does the government pay for this professional collection service?

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5. In cases where the borrower cannot be located, what methods were used to try and locate this person?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance) 1 and 2. As of June 30, 1971 the following number of claims, listed according to the year in which they were paid, had been submitted by chartered banks and other lenders in respect of defaulted loans:

Loan Year	No.	\$(000)
1965/66	7	7
1966/67	110	109
1967/68	198	210
1968/69	349	396
1969/70	1318	1496
1970/71	3285	4983
Total	5267	7201

3. No defaulted loans have been written off.

4. As of June 30, 1971, \$623,844 was collected by the commercial collection agency. The current fee payable is 20 per cent of amounts recovered.

5. The collection agency is responsible for locating missing borrowers. It uses all available facilities at its disposal through its branches located throughout Canada and its affiliations in other countries.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS UNDER CANADA PENSION PLAN
SINCE INSTITUTION OF DISABILITY PENSIONS

Question No. 364—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. Since the institution of disability pensions under the new Canada Pension Plan of February, 1970, how many claims were received by the Department of National Health and Welfare?

2. How many of these claims were (a) accepted (b) rejected?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Up to the end of February, 1972, 25,100.

2. (a) 13,696; (b) 7,190. Some of the applications rejected had not met the required minimum qualifying period of five years of contribution to the Plan, and thus were not rejected on medical grounds. In addition, 4,214 applications, most of which were received recently, are now being processed. Some are waiting special reports and other information.

ALLOCATION OF GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT

Question No. 369—**Mr. Robinson:**

Will the government consider carrying out a study as to the percentage of the Gross National Product that should be allocated to each level of government, federal, provincial and municipal?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Each level of government, federal, provincial and municipal, spends whatever amounts are deemed appropriate and voted by the respective Houses of Parliament, Legislatures or Municipal Councils. The amount of spending voted by these representative bodies is determined independently by the political process in each jurisdiction. The federal government cannot decide what proportion of the Gross